



The Royal College of Radiologists

Examiner Job Description

Job title	Final FRCR Part B examiner
Exam	Final FRCR Part B (CR2B) exam
Preferred specialties	Subspecialist interest in neuroradiology or head and neck imaging would be an advantage
Term duration	6 years
Application closing date	See RCR website

Examiner role description

RCR exams are an internationally recognised benchmark of excellence as well as a vital element of UK training. The RCR are looking for examiners for the [Final FRCR Part B \(CR2B\) exam](#), which builds on the First and Final Part A exams to assess the knowledge and skills developed during core clinical radiology training.

Examiners are collectively responsible for ensuring that the exam provides an appropriate assessment that: meets the assessment requirements of the UK radiology training curriculum; meets the standards set by the GMC; is demonstrably fair and reliable; and has suitable capacity for candidates.

Role overview

All examiners deliver and score the oral exams and mark the rapid and reporting elements against pre-agreed scoring systems. Examiners must therefore have a working understanding of the requirements of the current UK curriculum and be comfortable examining on cases covering the broad spectrum of clinical radiology that a trainee would have encountered during the first three years of general/core radiology training. Examiners are expected to be experienced in radiology training to support assessment of the appropriate level of radiology knowledge.

At the start of their term, new examiners will join working groups led by Vice Chairs focussing on exam content, reviewing cases, agreeing marking criteria, selecting cases and standard setting. Further into their tenure they will have opportunities to join an examiner training and development group. New examiners will be joining at an exciting time as the exam is undergoing reform which will impact on structure and delivery, and change current working practices. Changes will see the fruition of external review recommendations relating to quality assurance and standardisation; all examiners will be supported through the changes, which will see a digital platform utilised to deliver and mark all components of the exam.

One examiner in each year cohort will sit on the strategic CR2B Executive Exam Board which meets twice a year. Additionally, there may be opportunities for global travel to deliver exams outside the UK as we look to build our global venue offer as part of the RCRs growth ambitions.

Benefits

- **Make a difference** by ensuring UK and global candidates have a gold-standard exam experience through career-enhancing examiner development activity that ensures future radiologists' competence



- **Extend your professional network and meet new people** by collaborating with other examiners, partners at global venues, Officers and RCR staff
- **Earn** CPD credits for work developing the exam offer
- **Learn** more about RCR exams through examining, and develop personally via a comprehensive training and development programme including equality and diversity and human skills training

Experience and skills

Applicants are expected to have held a substantive consultant clinical radiologist post for a minimum period (usually at least five years) prior to appointment, and to remain in employment for the duration of their term of office as an examiner. Examiners must be able to demonstrate significant current involvement in the teaching, training and assessment of trainees, evidenced by participating in deanery/school teaching programmes (e.g. via educational and clinical supervision, tutorials and assessments). Examiners must demonstrate excellent oral and written communication skills. High levels of integrity and professional standards are essential, as is the ability to make fair and unbiased judgements in the exam setting.

Eligibility and term of office

Applicants must:

- be Fellows of the RCR in good standing
- practise in the UK as a consultant within an approved training programme
- demonstrate that they have undergone appropriate equality and diversity training and are willing to abide by good practice in these areas
- be prepared to participate in induction, training, examiner appraisal and ongoing upskilling activities
- be willing to abide by the RCR's [Code of Conduct](#) and submit an annual appraisal summary for each year of the term of office
- be able to devote time to: exam case development, selection and standard setting; preparing for examining; examining candidates; and other exam-related business from time-to-time.

The term of office is **six years** with the potential for examining as an emeritus examiner if mutually agreed.

Time commitment and support

Examiners are required to participate in examining activities such as active examining, networking meetings and case preparation sessions for ten days a year and will need to make arrangements as necessary to free time from their clinical, managerial, academic or other work. Exams are currently run across 4 diets (usually January, March, June and October), and time is also required for familiarisation with exam materials ahead of sittings.

Support in the role is provided through the CR2B Chair and four Vice Chair colleagues, plus exams office staff including administrators responsible for examiner support and practical exam delivery.

Travel to the RCR in London will be required periodically for meetings. Travel and accommodation costs are covered in accordance with the published [policy](#).

Applications

Please complete the online application on the [RCR website](#). Applications must be supported by a current or former Head of School, Regional Specialty Adviser or Training Programme Director by way of completing a supporter form. Applications are anonymised and ranked by a panel against pre-defined criteria; the College strives for examiners to be as representative as possible of body



system specialist interests, clinical practice backgrounds and the distribution of UK training programmes.

Please refer to the [RCR website](#) for the application closing date.

If a conversation about the scope of the examiner role would be valuable please contact Dr Mary Roddie, CR2B Chair, at mary_roddie@rcr.ac.uk or contact Examiner and Committee Administrator at exams@rcr.ac.uk.

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