

Examiner Role Description

Role title	Final FRCR Part A Examiner
Exam	Clinical Radiology Final FRCR Part A (CR2A)
Preferred specialties	Musculoskeletal, Paediatrics, NVIR and Breast
Term duration	5 years
Application closing date	See RCR website

RCR exams are an internationally recognised benchmark of excellence as well as a vital element of UK training. The RCR is looking for examiners for the [Final FRCR Part A \(CR2A\) exam](#), which consists of single best answer (SBA) questions and builds on the First part 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 and is demonstrably fair and reliable.

Role Tasks

Examiners have a range of responsibilities including:

- writing and reviewing SBA questions
- selecting questions as required and checking that each paper appropriately assesses knowledge across the curriculum.
- collectively standard setting each paper and identifying a pass mark.
- reviewing the performance of individual questions and rejecting or modifying questions when appropriate
- guiding SBA panel coordinators on question production
- maintaining the CR2A question bank
- reviewing the pattern of performance of the exam over time to ensure standards are maintained and identifying areas for improvement.

Benefits

- **Make a difference** by ensuring UK and global candidates have gold-standard exam content 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 and develop personally via a comprehensive training and development programme including equality and diversity and question writing training.

Experience and skills

Applicants are expected to have held a substantive consultant clinical radiologist post for a minimum period (usually at least two 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 involvement in the teaching, training and, ideally, assessment of trainees.

Examiners must demonstrate excellent oral and written communication skills and be able to work together as part of a coherent and effective team. The ability to receive and impart constructive criticism when discussing, reviewing, and refining questions is essential.

Knowledge and experience in writing and reviewing SBA questions is essential e.g. evidence of attendance at the RCR SBA question writing course and/or past participation in regional panel question submission or equivalent are considered minimum requirements for consideration. This element of experience must be referenced in your application statement.

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

The term of office is five years with the option of extension for a further year if mutually agreed.

Time commitment and support

The CR2A Committee usually meets four times per year (typically two-day meetings in January, March, May and September) for question review, selection and standard setting and meets with SBA panel coordinators for up to three days each November. Meetings may be face to face or online.

Support in the role is provided through the CR2A Chair and examiner 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.

If a conversation about the scope of the examiner role would be valuable please email Dr Adam Thomas, CR2A Chair at adam.thomas@doctors.org or contact the Examiner Engagement and Support Co-ordinator Amelia Wardley at amelia.wardley@rcr.ac.uk

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