



The Royal College of Radiologists

Examiner Job Description

Job title	Final FRCR Part A Examiner
Exam	Final FRCR Part A (CO2A)
Preferred specialist role(s)	Skin, Thyroid, Neuroendocrine
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 [Final FRCR Part A exam](#), consisting of single best answer (SBA) questions, builds on the First exam to assess the knowledge and skills developed across the breadth of the curriculum during oncology training.

Examiners join the committee which is responsible for ensuring that the exam meets the needs of the approved oncology training curriculum and meet standards set by the GMC.

Role Tasks

Examiners have a range of responsibilities including:

- writing, reviewing and editing single-best-answer questions, ensuring that they are based on the approved curriculum.
- selecting questions to make up papers as required and checking that each paper appropriately assesses knowledge across the curriculum.
- standard-setting each paper and setting a pass mark.
- reviewing the performance of individual questions and rejecting or modifying questions when appropriate.
- reviewing the pattern of performance of the exam over to time to ensure standards are maintained and identifying areas for improvement.
- reviewing and agreeing the final exam papers.

Benefits

- **Make a difference** by ensuring UK and global candidates have gold-standard exam content that ensures future oncologists' 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.
- **Learn** more about RCR exams and develop personally via a comprehensive training and development programme including equality and diversity and question writing training.



Eligibility and term of office

Applicants must:

- be a Fellow of the RCR in good standing
- hold a substantive consultant post
- 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 Contributor 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 opportunity to extend for a further year through mutual agreement.

Time commitment and support

Examiners are required to dedicate approximately five days per year, including three days for question writing and two days for standard setting. Meetings are usually a mix of face-to-face and virtual. Examiners are expected to produce a minimum of 15-30 questions each year.

Support in the role is provided through the CO2A Co-Chairs 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 Head of Department 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.

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If a conversation about the scope of the examiner role would be valuable, please contact the C02A Chair Dr Christina Wilson christina.wilson@nhs.scot. For general enquiries, please contact Amelia Wardley, Examiner Support and Engagement Co-ordinator, at amelia.wardley@rcr.ac.uk.

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