

Appendix H – Examination Results MRCPCH/DCH theory and clinical examinations



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CLINICAL EXAMINATIONS**

Revision History

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| 1.0 | October 2016 | Examinations Manager. RCPCH Information Governance | New Policy Document |
| 1.1 | 2017 | Examinations Manager. RCPCH Information Governance | Published Policy |
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Relevant Policies, Templates and Forms:

The following policies, procedures and guidance should be used or referred to when necessary alongside this policy.

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| MRCPCH and DCH: Regulations and Rules | 2.1 | August 2019 |
| Examination Complaint/Feedback Policy | 1.0 | July 2017 |
| Theory examination re-marking policy | 1.1 | July 2017 |
| Clinical examination appeals policy | 1.1 | July 2017 |

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Review of examination results

Results of all MRCPCH/DCH theory and clinical examinations are released when the Chair of the relevant Examining Board (or in their absence the Officer for Examinations / Examinations Manager / Quality and Standards Manager) is satisfied that the examination has been conducted appropriately and in accordance with the procedures of the RCPCH.

Results

Results for all MRCPCH/DCH theory and clinical examinations will be normally be available within 5-6 weeks of the relevant examination date. For overseas MRCPCH/DCH clinical examinations results processing can take up to 8 weeks.

Examination candidates can sign in to their RCPCH online accounts to check their results once they are published online. Results letters with associated feedback is normally sent on to candidates within 6-7 weeks of the relevant examination date.

Results cannot be given over the telephone or by fax, email.

Pass result in MRCPCH theory examinations

MRCPCH route candidates are able to apply for and sit any of the three theory examinations in any order. Once a candidate has registered an RCPCH examination account there are no restrictions to applying for any of the three-theory examination DCH route candidates are able to apply for either of the two examinations that comprise the DCH (Foundation of Practice theory examination and DCH Clinical examination) in any order.

Pass result in MRCPCH Clinical

Candidates must first have passed all of the three MRCPCH route theory examinations in order to be eligible to apply/sit the MRCPCH Clinical examination. Once a candidate has passed all of the three theory examinations the online application system will automatically update the results and the option to apply to sit the MRCPCH Clinical examination will be visible.

Candidates must pass the MRCPCH Clinical Examination before they can be elected to Membership of the Royal Colleges of Paediatrics and Child Health.

Circumstances affecting results

In the event of a procedural irregularity in the conduct of the examination, or exceptional circumstances that adversely affected a candidate's performance the RCPCH Examinations/Quality and Standards Team/s will undertake a full investigation.

Should a candidate wish to contact the RCPCH in relation to such circumstances they should first refer to the 'RCPCH Examination Complaint/Feedback Policy' and/or the 'Re-marking of theory exam policy' and/or the 'Clinical examination appeals policy'.

Fail result

A candidate not achieving the pass mark in any RCPCH examination will be deemed to have failed that Examination. Candidates may apply to re-sit the last examination they have sat once they have received confirmation of their result or apply to sit others that they are eligible to sit in the next relevant application period.

Queries on results

Candidates have the right to submit feedback / a complaint if there is clear evidence of procedural irregularity in the conduct of the examination or there were exceptional circumstances which adversely affected their performance. Candidates should refer to 'RCPCH Examination Complaint/Feedback Policy' and should submit details of any such circumstances as soon as possible after the examination and not wait until after they receive their results. Candidates should note that the 'MRCPCH and DCH: Regulations and Rules' make clear that there is a right of withdrawal from any examination due to exceptional circumstances (withdrawing from an examination), and therefore appeals will not be accepted if a candidate chooses not to withdraw.

Separately to the complaint's procedure candidates may request that their theory examination answer sheets are re-marked. In this case, each question and answer submitted is checked manually. There is a charge for this service. Please refer to the 'Re-marking of theory exam policy' for more information.

Separately to the complaint's procedure candidates may submit an appeal with regard to any important aspect of the clinical examination experience (MRCPCH & DCH). There is a charge for this service. Please refer to the 'Clinical examination appeals policy' for more information.

Please ensure when sending emails through exams@rcpch.ac.uk that you add a clear subject heading e.g. 'MRCPCH Clinical UK October 2019 exam result enquiry'

To see all MRCPCH and DCH examination rules and regulations, go to www.rcpch.ac.uk/exam-rules