

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



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CLINICAL EXAMINATIONS

## Revision History

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Examinations Executive Committee	July 2017	1.1	
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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.

Name	Version	Date
MRCPCH and DCH: Regulations and Rules	2.1	August 2019
Examination Complaint/Feedback Policy	1.0	July 2017
Complaints, feedback and appeals policy	1.2	July 2022

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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 relevant RCPCH Examination Team 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 '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. For some overseas MRCPCH Clinical examination centres candidates may not be able to apply for the next available diet. Please check the MRCPCH Clinical 'How to Apply' pages for more information regarding specific overseas exam centres.

## 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 & Appeals 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.

Separate to the complaint's procedure candidates may submit an appeal with regard to any important aspect that a candidate does not believe has been fully addressed through their initial examination complaint (MRCPCH & DCH). There is a charge for this service. Please refer to the 'RCPCH Examination Complaint/Feedback & Appeals Policy' for more information.

For the MRCPCH and DCH Clinical examination only, there is also opportunity for candidates to submit a 'Mark Review' request. This is specifically regarding candidates who believe that a clear procedural error has been made by an examiner during a MRCPCH or DCH Clinical examination. These requests can only be made once a candidate has received their marksheet feedback from the Clinical Assessment Team. There is a charge for this service. Please refer to the 'RCPCH Examination Complaint/Feedback & Appeals Policy' for more information.

Please ensure when sending email enquiries regarding examination results to email the correct team. Please see below:

If your examination results enquiry is regarding theory examinations (FOP/TAS/AKP) then please email [theoryexams@rcpch.ac.uk](mailto:theoryexams@rcpch.ac.uk)

Please ensure that you add a clear subject heading e.g. '*AKP September 2022 exam result enquiry*'

If your examination results enquiry is regarding clinical examinations (MRCPCH/DCH) then please email [clinicalexams@rcpch.ac.uk](mailto:clinicalexams@rcpch.ac.uk)

Please ensure that you add a clear subject heading e.g. *'MRCPCH Clinical UK October 2022 exam result enquiry'*

**To see all MRCPCH and DCH examination rules and regulations, go to [www.rcpch.ac.uk/exam-rules](http://www.rcpch.ac.uk/exam-rules)**