

PROCESSES FOR EXAMINERS MOVING BETWEEN OVERSEAS AND UK

Some of our examiner faculty will relocate internationally during the course of their careers. We therefore sometimes are asked what the process is for them being able to examine outside the country they were initially trained, and examined, in. This document aims to create some clear guidance for examiners in any such situation.

Overseas > UK - Visits/Temporary

There may be instances where an Overseas Examiner visits the United Kingdom and wishes to act as an MRCPCH Examiner. Unfortunately, this is not something that can be accommodated. There are GMC rules regarding examiners from overseas acting as examiners to UK based candidates and we must conform to those rules and guidelines.

Overseas > UK - Permanent

There may be instances where an Overseas Examiner moves to, or returns to living in, the United Kingdom permanently or on a long term basis and wishes to continue acting as an MRCPCH Examiner. The following is the process that will be followed:

- The examiner in question should get in touch with the Exams Team at the College at examiners@rcpch.ac.uk and explain their situation
- The Examiner will be expected to attend an Examiner Elect Training Day here at the College
- The Examiner will be expected to do a single day of observation/mentoring on a UK exam
- The Examiner can then examine independently if approved by mentor

Overseas > UK > Becoming a Senior Examiner

Currently, only UK examiners are eligible to apply to become a Senior Examiner. However, if an Overseas Examiner permanently relocates to the UK and follows the process above to become a UK examiner, they can then, at a later date, apply to become a Senior Examiner, as they will be considered a UK examiner on account of having moved to, or returned to living in, the UK. In such situations, the following process will apply:

- The Examiner may apply to become a Senior Examiner so long as they meet all the essential criteria as listed on the Becoming an Examiner webpage for Senior Examiner applications.
- The Examiner, when meeting the requirement to have examined 8 times within 3 years must have examined 3 times independently in the UK prior to applying, no matter how many times they have examined overseas.
- For the remaining 5 times, they may use any of their overseas examining so long as it falls within the 3 year period.

UK > Overseas - Temporary

For UK Examiners who are relocating overseas on a temporary basis and who wish to continue to examine, the following rules are in place:

- Only overseas Examiners and UK Senior Examiners may examine overseas
- However, if a UK Examiner temporarily relocates to a country which hosts the exam, they may examine once or twice to see how things are done overseas with agreement of the local Host
- This would be arranged on a case by case basis

UK > Overseas - Permanent

For UK Examiners who are relocating overseas on a long term or permanent basis and who wish to continue to examine, the following rules are in place:

- Only overseas Examiners and UK Senior Examiners may examine overseas
- However, if a UK Examiner permanently relocates to a country which hosts the exam, they may request that the Exams Team changes their status to Overseas Examiner
- The Exams Team will then provide the Examiners name and contact information to the host team in that country so that the Examiner can be contacted to act as a local examiner