

FRCS Ophthalmology – Part 3

Dates and fees for 2025

Dates:

Locations	Examination Dates	Applications Open	Capacity	Waiting List	Fee
Delhi	22-25 September	26 May – 2 June 2025	40	20	£2,094.50*
Amman	4-7 November	4-11 August 2025	40	20	£1,775
Mumbai	10 - 13 November	26 May – 2 June 2025	40	20	£2,094.50*
Cairo	1-4 December	4-11 August 2025	80	40	£1,775

Important Note for candidates sitting in India

** Effective for all exams taking place from 1st July 2025, please be informed that an additional 18% tax will be applied to examination fees for candidates sitting the examinations in India. This tax is mandated by local Indian tax regulations and is not determined by the College. The exam fee is £1,775 plus 18% tax, totalling £2,094.50*

Locations:

The **Part 3** examinations are currently held at a number of international centres. We constantly review the location of examination venues to ensure, where possible, they align the demographics of our candidate base and meet the demand at our most popular centres. In 2025 we plan to hold diets in Amman, Bangalore, Cairo, New Delhi and Mumbai only.

Applying for exam places:

Candidates can express their interest by completing an online survey which will be published on the FRCS Part 3 web page between the opening and closing dates. Expressions of interest received by email **will not** be considered. The College reserves the right to close the applications window early if an exam is over subscribed.

Candidates must not make more than one registration; multiple registrations (including the use of different emails addresses, dates of birth etc) will be deleted and may result in your registration being removed from the diet entirely.

We strongly recommend that candidates check the visa application process with their local embassy, including the likelihood of a visa being obtained, prior to applying for an examination. Obtaining the relevant visa to attend the examination is the responsibility of each candidate. **Refunds cannot be given to candidates who are unable to secure a visa in time for their exam.**

By submitting the form candidates are expressing an interest in the listed diets only. There will be no opportunity for their application to be forwarded to a later exam diet.

Prior to registering interest, candidates should ensure they are prepared to make payment of the fee and to complete their application within the timeframes detailed below, if they are offered a place.

Allocation of Places:

The maximum capacity per diet is outlined in the table above. Exam places will be allocated from all eligible applications with the weighting of 60% of places being offered to new candidates, and 40% to re-sit candidates.

The allocation of places for new candidates will be allocated as 60% for candidates who hold the FRCS Part 2 and 40% for new candidates holding the exemption certification. Candidates coming through the FRCS route, will be prioritised by the order in which they sat the FRCS exam. A random allocation of places will apply to candidates coming through the exemption route, or who are re-sit candidates. **Resit candidates are not permitted to apply again within 12 months of their previous examination attempt.**

A waiting list will be held for each examination diet. There is no guarantee that applicants on the waiting list will receive a place on the diet. The waiting list will close 4 weeks prior to the diet.

A standby list will operate from 4 weeks before the exam. Candidates on the waiting list will be offered a place on the standby list if they can meet the following conditions:

- they are prepared to sit the exam at short notice,
- they are able to attend on the relevant exam days and;
- they can make the appropriate travel and visa arrangements with less than one month's notice.

Candidates will only be allocated to one of the exam diets listed on the questionnaire. There will be no opportunity for the allocation to be moved to a later exam diet.

Confirmation of Places and Payment of Exam Fee:

Candidates will be notified one week after the closing date if they have been allocated a place on the examination.

Candidates who are offered a place will have **2 working days** from confirmation of an examination place to pay their exam fee in full. **Candidates who do not pay their fee within this timeframe will be withdrawn from the exam** and their place will be offered to another candidate. There will be no opportunity to move the allocated place to a later exam diet.

Once the fee is paid, candidates will have **5 working days** to complete their application, this includes the submission of appropriate supporting documentation as advised by the College. **Candidates who do not complete their application within this timeframe will be withdrawn from the exam**, their place will be offered to another candidate, and a refund of their exam fee will be processed.

Once the submitted documentation is assessed, if a candidate is found to not meet the eligibility criteria for the exam (as detailed in the regulations), the candidate will be withdrawn from the exam, their place will be offered to another candidate, and a refund of their exam fee will be processed.

Candidates who are allocated a place and pay their fee and subsequently decide they do not wish to sit at this diet will have their applications withdrawn in line with the Regulations and may forfeit their exam fee.

Transfers to other diets are not permitted, even on medical grounds.

Candidates on the waiting / standby list who are offered a place will be given 2 working days to pay their fee in full and complete their application.

