



# Resuming MRCS examinations and prioritisation

19 June 2020

As set out in the [statement released by The Intercollegiate Committee for Basic Surgical Examinations \(ICBSE\) on 14 May 2020](#), the four Surgical Royal Colleges will be resuming examination activity from September 2020.

We have been working hard to establish and maximise the capacity at which we can safely deliver our examinations in the context of anticipated social distancing guidance. The safety of all those involved in the exam is at the forefront of this process and as such to ensure that we are able to maintain social distancing we have reduced the number of places available for our autumn examinations and we will be adhering to the prioritisation laid out by ICBSE.

- Candidates currently within Core Surgical Training will be prioritised in the allocation of places.
  - Booking for the MRCS Part A and Part B will be reopened on **19 June 2020** to allow candidates within Core Surgical Training to book onto the examination.
  - Candidates within Core Surgical Training who already have an examination booking with us will be automatically transferred to the relevant MRCS Part A or B examination.
- After this, priority will then be given to candidates whose exam was postponed in April or May. Candidates will not be notified of their place until after the application closing date.
  - MRCS Part A September 2020: **3 July 2020**
  - MRCS Part B October 2020: **17 July 2020**.
- Candidates who apply but do not get allocated a place in the autumn based on these prioritisation criteria will be offered a place at the next available diet.

Appropriate amendment will be made to both examinations, please see the ICBSE [full statement](#) for further details. Candidates with postponed or current bookings will be contacted directly.

Location and date preferences will be taken into account where possible, however, please be aware that this may not be possible to ensure all appropriate social distancing measures are taken.

Booking links for the relevant candidates can be found below:

- [MRCS Part A September 2020](#)
- [MRCS Part B October 2020](#)

If you have any further questions please contact [MRCS&DOHNS@rcseng.ac.uk](mailto:MRCS&DOHNS@rcseng.ac.uk).