

Medical Microbiology, Medical Virology and Infectious Diseases

There are 2 different FRCPATH Part 1 examinations and candidates must ensure they apply for and sit the correct exam. To determine which examination to sit, see the information and table below and contact the College if further clarification is required.

1. FRCPATH Part 1 Infection and Combined Infection Certificate Examination (CICE)

- This exam (2 papers) is for all medical Specialty Registrars (trainees in a GMC-registered training programme with a National Training Number) in single or dual training programmes in infection specialties based in the UK.
- The examination itself is the same for all trainees, but the nomenclature differs depending on whether or not trainees are undertaking training medical microbiology or medical virology (either as a single specialty, or dual with another specialty).
 - i. **'Part 1 Infection'** exam: for trainees in MM, MV, ID/MM, ID/MV, MM/TM, MV/TM who are required to subsequently pass an FRCPATH Part 2 examination in either medical microbiology or medical virology.
 - ii. **CICE**: for trainees in ID/IM or TM/IM who are not required to pass an FRCPATH Part 2 examination.

Trainees who do not meet these criteria but who have appropriate training/experience (e.g. not obtained in a GMC-approved training programme or who are training outside of the UK) can also choose to attempt this examination and must choose the appropriate title depending on whether they are primarily training in medical microbiology or medical virology (in which case 'Part 1 Infection' is likely to be most appropriate) or infectious diseases or tropical medicine (in which case CICE is likely to be most appropriate).

2. Part 1 Medical Microbiology & Virology (MMV)

- This exam (1 paper) is for scientific microbiology and virology trainees who are training in the UK in Higher Specialist Scientific Training (HSST) programmes or equivalent, including outside of the UK.
- It may also be sat by medical microbiologists or virologists working outside the UK wishing to subsequently take FRCPATH Part 2 in medical microbiology or medical virology.

Which exam should I sit?

Role	Specialty	Part 1	Part 2
Medical	CIT or HIT Specialty Trainee: MM +/- ID MM +/- TM	Part 1 Infection	Part 2 Microbiology
	MV +/- ID MV +/- TM	Part 1 Infection	Part 2 Virology
	CIT or HIT specialty trainee: ID/IM TM/IM	CICE	none
	International medical graduate in Medical Microbiology	Part 1 Infection Or Part 1 MMV	Part 2 Microbiology
	International medical graduate in Medical Virology	Part 1 Infection	Part 2 Virology

		Or Part 1 MMV	
Clinical Scientist	HSST Microbiology Or In a relevant clinical scientist role	Part 1 MMV	Part 2 Microbiology
	HSST Virology Or In a relevant clinical scientist role	Part 1 MMV	Part 2 Virology

All candidates are advised to discuss their application and this guidance with their sponsor when making an application to ensure that they are applying for the correct examination.