



FRCPATH Part 1 Immunology/ACICE examination

Future arrangements

Following the recent postponement of the FRCPATH Part 1 Immunology examination, the College has been liaising with the GMC to agree the delivery of the new FRCPATH Part 1/ACICE examination going forward. The 'old-style' FRCPATH Part 1 examination will no longer be delivered.

Careful consideration has been given to all trainees required to attempt the examination, to ensure that they have the appropriate number of attempts without impacting progression and the GMC and Lead Dean have agreed the plan set out below.

It should be noted that the January and April examinations are taking place outside of the standard College examinations timetable and careful attention should be paid to the application period and examination dates outlined below. Dates for the release of results will be confirmed as soon as possible. The examination will be delivered online (via TestReach) in line with all other FRCPATH Part 1 examinations.

Key dates

January 2024 attempt

Application period	Friday 10 to Monday 20 November 2023
Examination date	Thursday 18 January 2024
Results released to candidates	TBC

April 2024 attempt

Application period	Friday 8 to Monday 18 March 2024
Examination date	Tuesday 23 April 2024
Results released to candidates	TBC



What to do next

January 2024 attempt

All candidates entered for Autumn 2023 session may choose to sit either the January or April 2024 sitting and should advise exams@rcpath.org by 20 November 2023 of their preference.

A further application period for the 18 January 2024 sitting will be open from Friday 10 November to Monday 20 November 2023 inclusive for any trainees not already entered for the examination.

April 2024 attempt

Applications for the 23 April 2024 sitting will be open from Friday 8 March to Monday 18 March 2024 inclusive.

Autumn 2024 attempt

Applications for the Autumn 2024 examination session will open by Friday 31 May and close on Friday 5 July 2024, in line with the standard College examination timetable.

Candidates should expect to be able to take their examination in September (autumn) and March (spring) of each year going forward from the autumn 2024 session.

Which examination should I apply for?

Candidates should apply for the examination as follows:

- **Specialty trainees in Allergy & Clinical Immunology** (ACI aka Allergy) should apply for the Allergy and Clinical Immunology Certificate Examination.
- **Specialty trainees in Allergy and Clinical with Laboratory Immunology** (ACLI aka Immunology) who need to take the FRCPATH Part 2 examination to complete training and should apply for the FRCPATH Part 1 examination in Allergy and Clinical Immunology.
- **Immunology trainees in the Republic of Ireland** who will also need to take the FRCPATH Part 2 examination to complete training should apply for the FRCPATH Part 1 examination in Allergy and Clinical Immunology.
- **Clinical Scientist candidates in Immunology** who will also need to take the FRCPATH Part 2 to complete training should apply for the FRCPATH Part 1 Examination in Allergy and Clinical Immunology.



FRCPATH Part 2

Candidates who are successful in the January or April 2024 examination, and who are required to pass the FRCPATH Part 2 examination, will be able to apply for the Autumn 2024 examination subject to meeting eligibility criteria.

As above, applications for the Autumn 2024 examination session will open by Friday 31 May and close on Friday 5 July. The FRCPATH Part 2 examinations continue to be delivered within the standard College examinations timetable.

