



Become a PACES Examiner

The PACES exam is an integral part of the United Kingdom's medical training system and helps to ensure that trainees meet the highest standards of patient care. Examining offers physicians the opportunity to earn external CPD points, develop their skills as an assessor, and share best practice with other physicians from around the country.

Criteria

To be considered for appointment as a PACES examiner, you must:

- Hold MRCP (UK)
- Collegiate Member or Fellow in good standing of one of the Royal College of Physicians of the UK
- GMC registered with a licence to practise and in good standing (or regulatory equivalent in country of practice)
- Have been involved with physicians in training within the last two years.
- (UK only) participate in revalidation, including annual appraisal in current post, and adhere to CPD requirements.
- (UK only) have undergone equality and diversity training within the past three years.
- Physicians interested in, but not necessarily expert in, medical assessment.
- Collegiate members must have achieved the certificate of Completion of Training (CCT), or be on the specialist register, and be in a substantive consultant post.
- Examiners who are resident outside the UK and who wish to examine must hold Fellowship of one of the UK Colleges of Physicians and be in good standing.

Examiner Commitment

To be a PACES examiner you must:

- Meet the examiner criteria and maintain adherence to the criteria*
- Complete the Fair Assessment module.
- Commit to examine at least 6 cycle (30 candidates) per annum (averaged over 2 years), i.e. a minimum of 2/3 days examining per year**
- Be accepted for, and successfully complete, PACES examiner training before you are permitted to examine
- Abide by the PACES examiner code of conduct
- Once trained, examiners are invited to examine at venues organised by any of the three Royal Colleges of Physicians

*You will be asked to confirm this on an annual basis.

**If you are unable to take part in the required number of cycles over years, you will be asked to refresh your examiners training.

If you have any questions regarding the criteria or need further information, please contact us on edinburghexaminers@rcpe.ac.uk.