

ANNOUNCEMENT TO DO-HNS CANDIDATES: July 2008 (amended December 2008)

This announcement relates to holders of the Intercollegiate Diploma in Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery (DO-HNS) awarded under the DO-HNS Regulations updated June 2008, or candidates who are working towards the award of that Diploma and intend to use that award to gain Membership of one of the Surgical Royal Colleges of Great Britain (i.e. The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, The Royal College of Surgeons of England and The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow).

The following Regulations apply ONLY to holders of, or candidates for, the DO-HNS examination, intending to use that award to gain Membership of one of the Surgical Royal Colleges of Great Britain.

Please note that these regulations do not apply to holders of the DO-HNS awarded before April 2008.

Regulations for the award of Membership of the Surgical Royal Colleges of Great Britain to holders of the Intercollegiate Diploma in Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery (DO-HNS)

(July 2008 – revised November 2008)

Eligibility

Membership of one of the Surgical Royal Colleges of Great Britain is available to holders of the Intercollegiate Diploma in Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery (DO-HNS) subject to the following:

Applicants for membership must hold an acceptable primary medical qualification, have passed the examination requirements and have met the timing requirements for passing the examinations.

1. Medical qualification

1.1 Applicants for Membership must hold a primary medical qualification that is acceptable to the United Kingdom General Medical Council for Full or Provisional Registration, or to the Medical Council in Ireland for Full or Temporary Registration; overseas applicants

must hold a primary medical qualification acceptable to the Councils of the three colleges.

2. Examination requirements

2.1 Applicants for Membership must have passed the examination requirements which may be satisfied either by:

2.1.1 a pass in Part A of the Intercollegiate MRCS examination (September 2007 to August 2008 regulations *or* September 2008 Regulations dated July 2008) *and* passes in Part 1 and Part 2 of the Intercollegiate DO-HNS examination (Regulations dated February 2008): or,

2.1.2 passes in Part 1 and Part 2 of the Intercollegiate MRCS examination (Regulations June 2006 revised June 2008) *and* passes in Part 1 and Part 2 of the Intercollegiate DO-HNS examination (Regulations dated February 2008)

2.2 Applicants for Membership may have taken the above combination of examinations in any order, but must have sat Part 1 of the Intercollegiate DO-HNS examination before sitting Part 2 of the Intercollegiate DO-HNS examination.

3. Timing requirements

3.1 Applicants for Membership must adhere to the examination time limitations as follows:

3.1.1 Applicants are permitted a total of *four attempts* in which to pass the Part 2 DO-HNS.

3.1.2 Applicants who have attempted the Intercollegiate MRCS Part B (OSCE) as well as Part 2 of the Intercollegiate DO-HNS are permitted a total of *four attempts* in any combination of these examination components.

3.1.3 Failure to pass the Intercollegiate Part B (OSCE) or Part 2 of the Intercollegiate DO-HNS within a combined total of four attempts will debar candidates from applying for Membership under these regulations. The number of attempts cannot be increased.

3.1.4 Candidates who possess passes at Part 1 and Part 2 of the Intercollegiate MRCS must not be time-expired from the

Intercollegiate MRCS when making their first attempt at the DO-HNS examination

3.2 Candidates who are “time-expired” in the Intercollegiate MRCS examination of the Surgical Royal Colleges of Great Britain and Ireland (Regulations June 2006 revised June 2008) or the Collegiate MRCS are not permitted to apply for Membership under these regulations.

4. Application for Membership

4.1 Applicants should apply for Membership in accordance with the laws of the College at which they have passed Part 2 of the DO-HNS examination (irrespective of where the examination is held).

NOTE: These Regulations are under continual review. It is recommended that candidates keep in regular contact with their college to ensure that they have the most up-to-date information. Any changes will be announced on the Intercollegiate website: (www.intercollegiatemrcs.org.uk)