

**Regulations for the award of Membership to one of the Surgical Royal Colleges of Great Britain (MRCS) for holders of the Intercollegiate Diploma in Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery (DO-HNS) up to 31 July 2011**

**Regulations for the award of Membership to one of the Surgical Royal Colleges of Great Britain: MRCS (ENT) with effect from 1 August 2011**

**Transitional arrangements - December 2010**

**1. Eligibility**

Applicants for Membership must

- hold an acceptable primary medical qualification;
- have passed the examination requirements; and
- have met the timing/number of attempt requirements for passing the examinations.

**2. Primary medical qualification**

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.

**3. Examination requirements**

**3.1 Route 1- Diploma of Membership: MRCS**

Applicants for Membership under this route must have satisfied one of the following examination requirements and must have applied for membership by 31 July 2011:

- 3.1.1 a pass in Part A of the Intercollegiate MRCS examination *and* passes in Part 1 and Part 2 of the Intercollegiate DO-HNS examination\*;
- 3.1.2 passes in Part 1 and Part 2 of the Intercollegiate MRCS examination *and* passes in Part 1 and Part 2 of the Intercollegiate DO-HNS examination\*.

\* The Intercollegiate DO-HNS Regulations dated February 2008 onwards are applicable.

### **3.2 Route 2 - Diploma of Membership: MRCS (ENT)**

Applicants for Membership under this route must have satisfied one of the following examination requirements and may apply for membership from 1 August 2011 until further notice:

3.2.1 passes in Part 1 and Part 2 of the Intercollegiate MRCS examination *and* a pass in Part 2 of the Intercollegiate DO-HNS examination\*.

3.2.2 a pass in Part A of the Intercollegiate MRCS examination *and* a pass in Part 2 of the Intercollegiate DO-HNS examination\*.

\* The Intercollegiate DO-HNS Regulations dated February 2008 onwards are applicable.

#### **4. Timing/number of attempts requirements: Routes 1 and 2**

**4.1** Candidates who are “time-expired” in the Intercollegiate MRCS examination of the Surgical Royal Colleges of Great Britain and Ireland or in any previously issued Collegiate MRCS at the date of application for Membership are not eligible for Membership under these regulations.

**4.2** Candidates who have failed to pass the Intercollegiate MRCS Part B (OSCE) or the Intercollegiate DO-HNS Part 2 within a combined total of four attempts are not eligible for Membership under these regulations.

#### **5. Entry to examinations for award of MRCS (ENT)**

**5.1** Applicants for entry to Part A of the Intercollegiate MRCS must comply with the Regulations for that examination.

**5.2** Applicants for Part 2 of the Intercollegiate DO-HNS examination will use the *MRCS (ENT) Intercollegiate DO-HNS Part 2* application form.

**5.3** Subject to 5.4 below, candidates must pass MRCS Part A before sitting Intercollegiate DO-HNS Part 2.

**5.4** Candidates who have passed Intercollegiate DO-HNS Part 2, having first passed Intercollegiate DO-HNS Part 1, may enter MRCS Part A subject to the requirements of 5.1 above.

**5.5** Candidates who have passed Part 1 and Part 2, or Part A of the Intercollegiate MRCS prior to 31 July 2011 may apply for entry to Intercollegiate DO-HNS Part 2 subject to the requirements of 4 above.

**5.6** Having made an attempt at Intercollegiate DO-HNS Part 2 under these December 2010 Regulations a candidate may not subsequently enter the Intercollegiate DOHNS Part 1.

## 6. Application for Membership

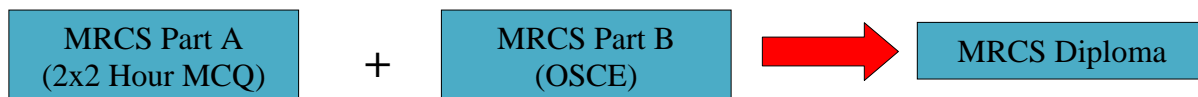
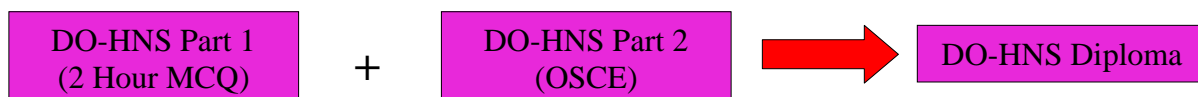
Applicants should apply for Membership in accordance with the laws of the College through which they have applied for and passed Part 2 of the Intercollegiate DO-HNS examination.

Notes:

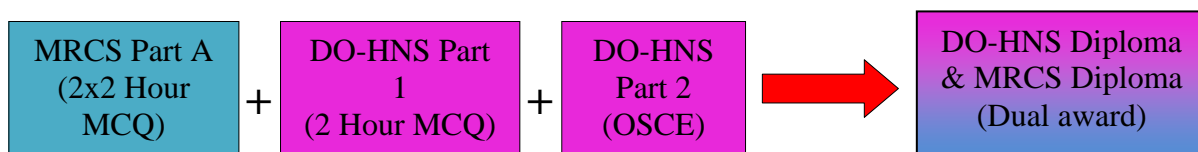
The relevant Intercollegiate MRCS and Intercollegiate DO-HNS Regulations will apply in all circumstances other than where they are specifically varied by these December 2010 Regulations.

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](http://www.intercollegiatemrcs.org))

**The following is a diagrammatic representation of the routes available. It must be interpreted in the context of the above Regulations.**



**Route 1 MRCS** (Available up to 31 July 2011)



**Route 2 MRCS (ENT)** (Available from 1 August 2011)

