

FELLOWSHIP EXAMINATION IN OPHTHALMOLOGY

GUIDANCE NOTES FOR APPLICANTS

1. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh
or
- Fellow (including Fellow *ad eundem*) of one of the Royal Surgical or Medical Colleges or the Royal College of Ophthalmologists
or
- Hold or have held full consultant status (not a locum post) for at least 2 years post CCST or equivalent
- Engaged in active clinical/academic practice (clinical practice essential for clinical examination)
- (Clinical examiners only) able to complete one term of office before retirement i.e one full term (6 years including probationary year)

- Active in postgraduate surgical training/education/teaching

- In good standing with the College / Professional Organisation.

- In good standing with the GMC / IMC or equivalent body and not under investigation by an NHS Trust / employing body.

- Able to provide the names and contact details of two referees

2. PERSON SPECIFICATION:

In addition to meeting the eligibility criteria, examiners must show commitment to

- High professional standards as an examiner, including understanding of appropriate techniques and a policy of courtesy, fairness and non-discrimination towards all candidates
- High professional standards in teaching, including an ability and positive attitude towards teaching
- Competence in and loyalty to the Ophthalmology profession
- Commitment to the examination process, i.e. honouring commitments to write questions and attend examinations, except in exceptional circumstances
- Commitment to ongoing assessment, training and development as an examiner

3. REFEREES:

Your referees should normally be one of the following:

Postgraduate Tutor in your Trust
Medical Director
Postgraduate Dean
Programme Director
Regional Specialty Advisor or Regional Advisor
Head of academic Department of Ophthalmology

For overseas applications referees should occupy an equivalent post to those listed above.

You are requested to send the referee form to each of your referees, inserting your name at the top of the form.