The role of the examination remains to set standards of ophthalmic care among ophthalmologists. The examination provides a quality marker to recognise best practice. Candidates achieving this standard are judged to have the skills of a General Ophthalmologist and to be able to manage patients and their ophthalmic conditions independently in a safe and professional manner. The examination syllabus draws upon sub-specialist expertise.

The award of Fellowship is considered to be the validation of an ophthalmologist's knowledge, experience and training. Fellowship is not intended to validate sub-specialist expertise. Entry to specialist training in the UK is governed by strict rules that would preclude automatic entry to specialist training of holders of the Fellowship. However, the Fellowship is recognised for the purpose of registration with the General Medical Council of the UK.

The examination comprises three parts as follows:

**Part 1 Examination**

The Part 1 examination takes the format of a multiple choice question paper of 2 hours’ duration. It comprises normally 160 questions in single best answer format.

The examination is held at least twice a year in various centres worldwide.

**Part 2 Examination**

The Part 2 examination consists of two written papers. Candidates must sit and pass both sections of the examination at the same diet.

a) The first paper takes the format of a multiple choice question paper of 2 hours’ duration. It comprises normally 160 questions in single best answer format.

b) The second paper takes the format of a problem solving paper of 2 hours 15 minutes’ duration. It comprises 4 questions, including a question on medical emergencies and achievement of a pass in this question is mandatory.

The multiple choice question paper encompasses the topics of ophthalmic medicine and surgery and general medicine and neurology with particular reference to ophthalmology.

**Award of Diploma**

Following success in the examinations, you will be entitled to make use of the designation FRCS(Glasg), once you have completed the formal admission to the Fellowship.

Detailed information in relation to the election process is available from the Regulations – website provided above.

**College Membership**

Why join the Glasgow College?

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College Membership

Membership of the Faculty of Dental Surgery - MFDS RCPS (Glasg)

Successful candidates in the FRCS Ophthalmology Examination are eligible to become Members of the College.

Membership of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow provides you with the following range of services:

- Membership of a distinguished, world-recognised professional body supporting you throughout your career
- Forthcoming monthly mailings of the Scottish Medical Journal and other professional, valuable information
- Access to the College Library and Information Service
- Discounted Educational Courses and Seminars via the annual Education Prospectus
- Participation in prestigious College events
- Eligibility for College Fellowships, Travel Grants and other Awards

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- The College may either cancel an examination centre if there are insufficient candidates or restrict numbers should this be necessary.
- Fees are correct at the time of publication: the College may amend these fees in advance of the opening date.
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