

**Eligibility Criteria and Regulations
for
MRCPsych Written Papers
and
Clinical Assessment of Skills and Competencies (CASC)**



Summary of important changes effective 5 August 2011

1 . MRCPsych Written Papers

The mandatory requirements for entry to sit MRCPsych Papers 1, 2 and 3 are:

Post foundation/internship experience in Psychiatry in:

- i. An approved Training programme.
- OR**
- ii. Posts Recognised by the Hospital (Trusts where applicable) as incorporating within contractual arrangements specified time and funding for educational training. Job plans must include dedicated time for academic and educational activities such as attending journal clubs, grand rounds, attendance at an MRCPsych course or equivalent, study leave and regular weekly educational supervision.

2 . MRCPsych Clinical Assessment of Skills and Competencies (CASC)

Training Requirements

- (i) **24 months** whole time equivalent post foundation/internship experience in Psychiatry by the time of sitting the CASC to include the following:

Individual Posts must be of either 4 or 6 months duration.

Psychiatry training **must be** comprised of the following:

- A minimum 12 months General Adult Psychiatry.
- It is **recommended** that training for the remainder 12 months in psychiatry be made up of two/three other psychiatric specialities which could include:
 - Old Age Psychiatry
 - Forensic Psychiatry
 - Psychotherapy
 - Child & Adolescent Psychiatry
 - Learning Disability
 - Recognised sub-specialty of General Adult Psychiatry:
 - Addictions
 - Liaison Psychiatry
 - Peri-Natal Psychiatry
 - Neuropsychiatry
 - Rehabilitation
 - Eating Disorders

- (ii) An additional 6 months in another recognised medical specialty will no longer count towards eligibility to sit the MRCPsych CASC.

This document is a summary of changes only. All other eligibility criteria for the MRCPsych Written Papers and MRCPsych CASC remain unchanged. Please refer to the "Eligibility Criteria and Regulations for the MRCPsych Written Papers and MRCPsych CASC" for full details: <http://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/exams/regulationsandcurricula.aspx>