

Joint Committee on Intercollegiate Examinations

21 December 2020

To Whoever It May Concern

Intercollegiate Specialty Examinations (FRCS) January/February 2021

This is to confirm that the bearer of this letter is a Candidate who is travelling to a designated regional examination (Pearson VUE) centre to sit the first part of their Intercollegiate Specialty Examination in Surgery under the auspices of the Joint Committee on Intercollegiate Examinations (JCIE). These examinations are taken towards the very end of surgical training and a pass is a pre-requisite for certification in the relevant surgical specialty by the Medical Council of Ireland and/or General Medical Council of the UK. Without certification, the individual cannot be appointed to a Consultant post and the examinations are therefore essential for the sustainability of surgical services.

The JCIE has worked very closely with its delivery partner, Pearson VUE, to ensure a Covid-safe examination environment. Travel to take these examinations is deemed as essential business for key workers, irrespective of where the bearer of this letter is travelling from. This is endorsed by the four surgical Royal Colleges of Great Britain and Ireland and by the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges (AoMRC). The AoMRC has released a statement to this effect. This can be accessed through the following link.

<https://www.aomrc.org.uk/statements/exams-academy-statement/>

Thank you for your understanding and we can assure you that all participants in these examinations are aware of their responsibilities.

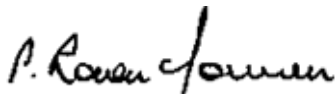
Yours faithfully



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