

Changes to the FRCPath examinations in the Clinical Science Specialties

The changes outlined in this document will affect examinations in the following specialties:

Genetics

Haematology Clinical Science

Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics

Molecular Pathology

Reproductive Science

Transfusion Science

Changes to the Part 2 Examination

There are two changes to the Part 2 examinations to note:

- All Part 2 exams – both practical and oral - will now be marked on an open marking scheme.
- All of the Part 2 Clinical Science exams will now be modularised. In practice, this means that from spring 2025 onwards, candidates will only have to retake the component (either the practical component or the oral component) that they failed, and the component they pass will be retained.
 - This will immediately apply to spring 2025 candidates who are attempting the Haematology Clinical Science and Transfusion Science examination, so that



if you pass one component of the exam and fail the other, you will only retake the failed component of the examination at the next available examination diet.

- The exam fee will remain the same if you are applying for the practical and oral component, however if you are only retaking one component, then you will only pay the fee for that component and not for the entire examination. The exact fees for each component will be confirmed when applications open and this information will be available on the College website.
- Arrangements for Part 2 Genetics and Part 2 Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics candidates remain unchanged.

