**MRCOG Part 1 Exam July 2020 Postponement**

As a result of the increased spread of COVID-19 the RCOG has taken the difficult decision to postpone the MRCOG Part 1 exam originally due to take place on 06 July 2020, with a new date scheduled for 26 September 2020.

The decision has been made to protect the health of our candidates, invigilators and staff, along with supporting the global containment and reduction in the spread of COVID-19.

We do understand that this is an anxious time for all and we endeavour to do our utmost to minimise the disruption and impact for all candidates. In making this decision we have listened to candidate feedback expressing concerns on the ability to sufficiently prepare for the July exams in the current climate, and hope the rescheduled date will help to allay these fears. We will of course closely monitor the impact of the pandemic and regularly assess how this may affect the September date.

Please rest assured that all candidates who booked on for the July exam will be guaranteed a place on the 26 September exam. You will not be asked to rebook a placement and this will automatically be transferred over to the rescheduled sitting. If you have a booked at place for July, you need not take any action. We have a record of your booking and your place in September is assured, subject to any national or global restrictions that may exist at the time of the exam.

Bookings will be opened for any remaining places, if they are available.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter. We have attempted to answer the questions you may have in the FAQs below. If you have any further queries not answered by the below please contact exams@rcog.org.uk.

**FAQs**

1. **Why is the MRCOG Part 1 exam being postponed?**

With the ongoing global spread of COVID-19 we have postponed the examination to protect the health of our candidates, invigilators and staff. We have listened to candidate feedback expressing concerns on the ability to sufficiently prepare for the July exams in the current climate, and hope the rescheduled date will help to allay these fears.

1. **When will the rescheduled MRCOG Part 1 date be?**

We have identified 26 September 2020 as a rescheduled date for this exam.

1. **Will I be guaranteed a place on the rescheduled exam date?**

Yes, as long as you are booked on for a place for July, you will be guaranteed a place in the September exam. The booking window is still open, closing at 4pm (UK time) on Thursday 30 April 2020. If you have yet to book, and would like to be guaranteed a placement for the rescheduled exam in September you must ensure to book before the closing time on 30 April 2020.

1. **Will I be guaranteed a place at a matching centre to my original booking?**

We will aim to transfer all candidates to a corresponding centre, subject to centre availability. We are in the process of confirming with venue providers and will confirm with candidates to provide booking confirmations by 15 May 2020.

1. **Will I receive a refund for my examination fee paid for the original July booking?**

As part of our commitment to minimise disruption, our aim is to accommodate all candidates in a corresponding centre to that originally booked where possible. Therefore, your original exam fee will be rolled over to cover the cost of the rescheduled exam in September.

1. **I do not wish to sit my exam on the rescheduled date, will I receive a refund for my examination fee?**

Yes, if you do not wish to take up the offer of a guaranteed place on the September exam, you will be entitled to a full refund. Once a refund has been given we will not be able to guarantee you a place on any future exam; you will need to book a place if a booking window opens for any remaining spaces. We cannot guarantee that spaces will be available beyond those already booked. Please note, the next planned Part 1 exam will be in January 2021.

If you would like to withdraw from your guaranteed place on the 26 September exam, please contact exams@rcog.org.uk by no later than 25 May 2020 and your refund will be processed. Refunds will be provided within 8 weeks from the date of your request.

1. **I am a candidate and have booked travel and accommodation expecting to sit the July 2020 examination, am I entitled to a refund?**

The RCOG will not reimburse travel or accommodation fees candidates may have already booked.

1. **Can I still book a place on the exam?**

All eligible candidates are still able to book a place on the exam until 30 April 2020 when the booking closes.

1. **Will the booking be reopened for this postponed exam?**

We need to review the current bookings and centre availability for September to decide if this is possible. When we can give more information on this we will update the FAQs.

1. **I completed my eligibility after the deadline of the 5 March so I couldn’t book on the July exam. Will I be able to book on the postponed September exam?**

Please see the answer to the question above.

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