

MRCP(UK) Part 2 Written 2015 performance report

The MRCP(UK) Part 2 Written examination assesses the ability to apply clinical understanding, make clinical judgements and take responsibility for prioritising diagnostic or problem lists, planning investigation, selecting a plan for immediate management, selecting a plan for long-term management, assessing prognosis. The MRCP(UK) Part 2 Written examination can be taken by physicians in training who have passed the MRCP(UK) Part 1 Examination. In 2015 (diets 1-3) the Part 2 examination was sat by 5,193 candidates, 2,105 of these declared they were in UK training. Candidates who did not declare their training details are reported as ‘Other candidates’ (3,088).

Pass rate and performance by attempt

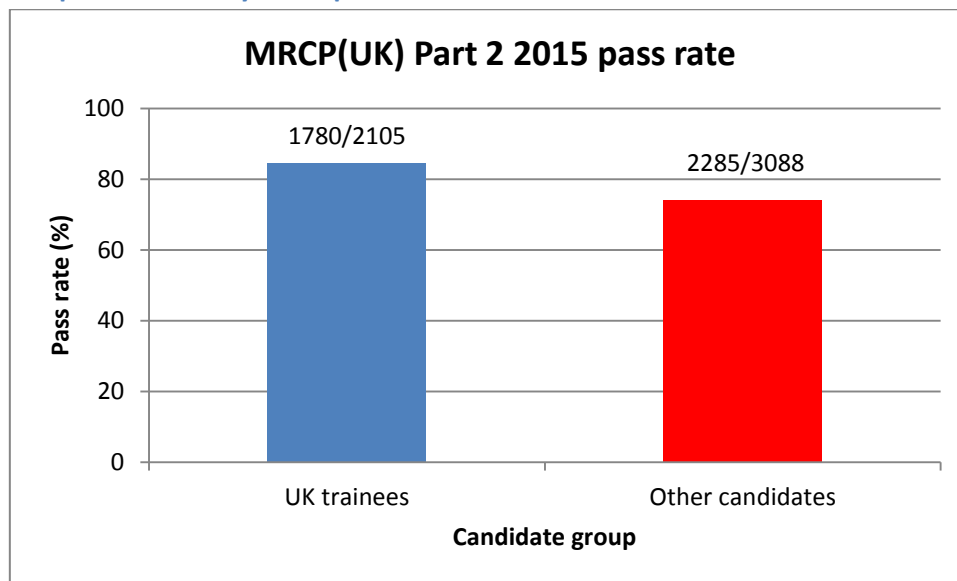


Figure 1. Pass rates for UK trainees and other candidates. Note that these figures are the pass rates of individual candidates rather than pass rates of the total number of attempts made.

UK trainees pass rate at first attempt 82.2% (1556/1894).

Other candidates pass rate at first attempt 73% (1734/2375).

UK trainees					Other candidates				
Attempt	Pass	Fail	Total	Pass rate (%)	Attempt	Pass	Fail	Total	Pass rate (%)
1	1556	338	1894	82.2%	1	1734	641	2375	73.0%
2-6	224	151	375	59.7%	2-6	548	525	1073	51.1%
7+	0	7	7	0.0%	7+	3	10	13	23.1%
Total	1780	496	2276	78.2%	Total	2285	1176	3461	66.0%

Table 1. Pass/Fail rates by attempt for UK trainees and other candidates. Candidates will be counted multiple times if they have sat on more than one occasion. For example if a candidate failed at the second attempt but passed on the third, they would be in the fail column for the second attempt but pass column for the third attempt.

More information about the limit on the number of attempts can be found on the MRCP(UK) website here: <https://www.mrcpuk.org/mrcpuk-examinations/regulations/limit-attempts>

Percentage score by topic

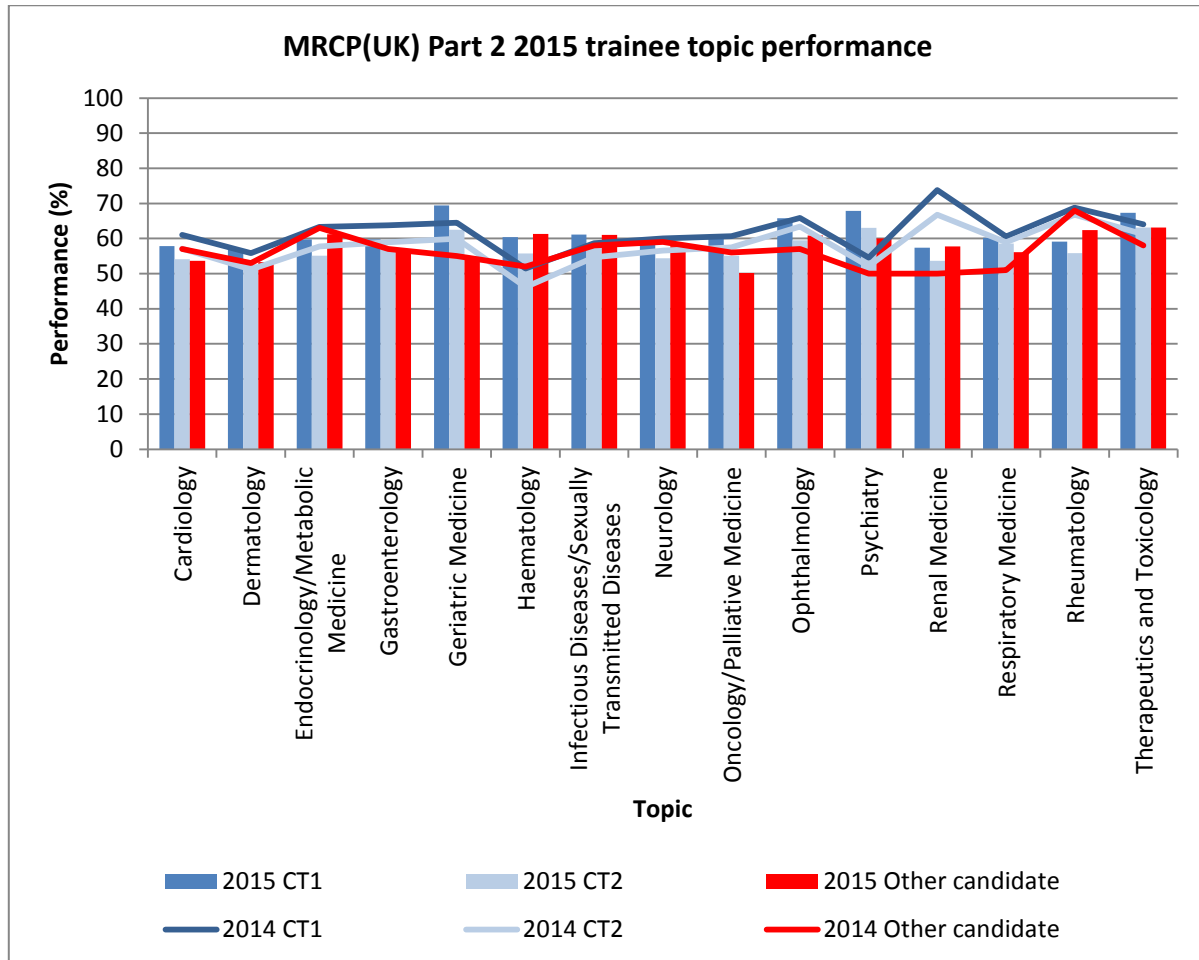


Figure 2. Performance by topic for CT1 and CT2 UK trainees and other candidates. Note that the percentages are calculated using scores from all attempts made at the examination.

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