

MRCP(UK) Part 2 Written 2016 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 2016 (diets 1-3) the Part 2 examination was sat by 5,147 candidates, 2,121 of these declared they were in UK training. Candidates who did not declare their training details are reported as ‘Other candidates’ (3,026).

Pass rate and performance by attempt

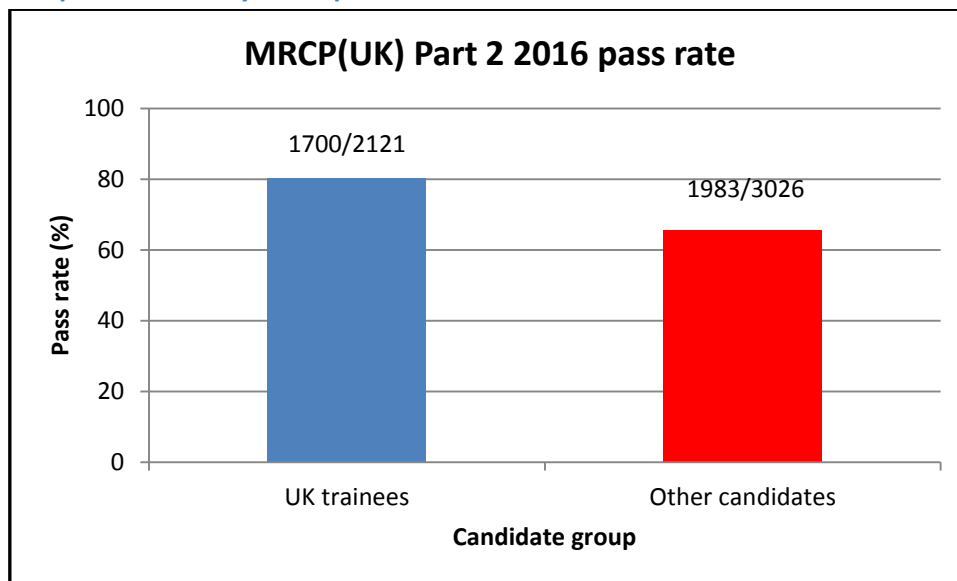


Figure 1. Pass rates for UK trainees and other candidates. Note that these figures are the pass rates of individual candidates rather than pass rates of the total number of attempts made.

UK trainees pass rate at first attempt 80.6% (1396/1733).

Other candidates pass rate at first attempt 69.5% (1546/2224).

UK trainees				
Attempt	Pass	Fail	Total	Pass rate (%)
1	1396	337	1733	80.6%
2-6	302	152	454	66.5%
7+	2	7	9	22.2%
Total	1700	496	2196	77.4%

Other candidates				
Attempt	Pass	Fail	Total	Pass rate (%)
1	1546	678	2224	69.5%
2-6	427	533	960	44.5%
7+	10	7	17	58.8%
Total	1983	1218	3201	61.9%

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

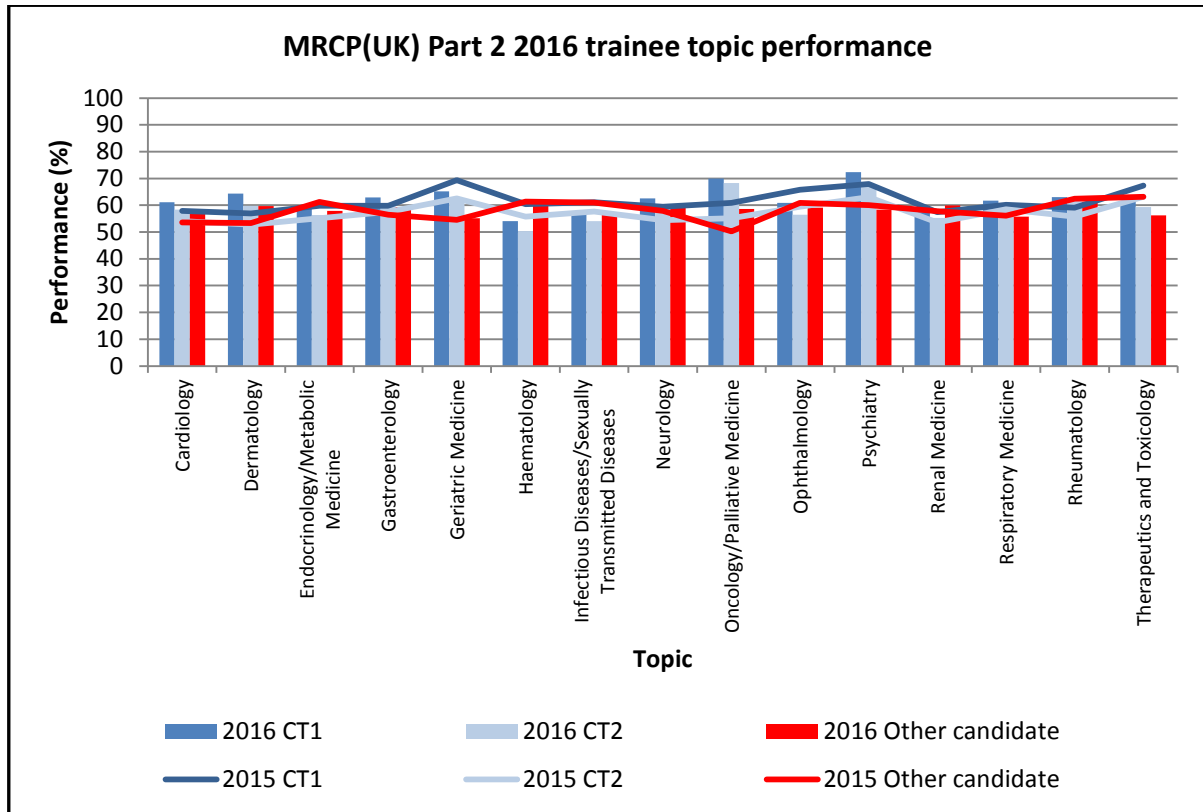


Figure 2. Performance by topic for CT1 and CT2 UK trainees and other candidates. Note that the percentages are calculated using scores from all attempts made at the examination.

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