



RCEM Examinations

Introduction to New
Examination Structure

Applicable from August
2016

APPROVAL OF EXAM

- ◉ All exam changes now **APPROVED**
- ◉ Approved by GMC November 2015 and information available on website
- ◉ MRCEM and FRCEM replaced by suite of exams leading to Fellowship of the College (FRCEM)
- ◉ MRCEM still available by passing a mix of the new examinations + MRCEM OSCE

FRCEM PRIMARY EXAM

- ◉ MRCEM Part A replaced by FRCEM Primary from August 16
- ◉ Change from True/False MCQ to SBAQ
- ◉ 180 questions in 3 hours
- ◉ Standard setting - using Angoff method (no correction for standard error)
- ◉ Passes since August 2012 remain valid but four year ruling then discontinued
- ◉ Maximum 6 attempts

INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE

- MRCEM Part B and C replaced with FRCEM Intermediate Certificate
 - Short Answer Question (SAQ) Paper - 60 x 3 mark questions in 3 hours
 - Situational Judgement Paper (SJP) - 120 SBAQ in 2 hours
- Held same day but can be sat and passed independently
- **No award of MRCEM**

INTERMEDIATE SAQ

- ◉ MRCEM Part B SAQ replaced with FRCEM Intermediate SAQ from August 16
- ◉ Passes since August 2012 remain valid
- ◉ Standard setting - Angoff Method + 1 Standard Error of Measurement (SEM)
- ◉ No restriction of currency of pass
- ◉ Maximum 6 attempts

INTERMEDIATE SJP

- ◉ For trainees the MRCEM Part C (OSCE) will remain a GMC approved qualification for CCT if passed up to and prior to Aug 18
- ◉ After this required to pass SJP to sit the FRCEM Final exam components and for entry to ST4
- ◉ SJP introduced from Aug 17
- ◉ Standard setting - Angoff Method + 1 SEM
- ◉ No restriction in currency and maximum 6 attempts

MRCEM OSCE

- ◉ After Aug 18 MRCEM OSCE will still run for interested UK trainees and for non-trainees in UK and overseas
- ◉ Award of Membership by exam and post-nominals - need to pass
 - MRCEM A/FRCEM Primary
 - MRCEM B/FRCEM Intermediate SAQ and
 - MRCEM OSCE
- ◉ Standard setting for OSCE - Borderline Regression and 1 SEM

FRCEM CRITICAL APPRAISAL

- ⦿ Can be sat once passed MRCEM / FRCEM Primary + FRCEM Intermediate Certificate
- ⦿ Slight change in marking criteria with the use of domain marking matrix
- ⦿ From Aug 16 maximum of 4 attempts

FRCEM MANAGEMENT

- ◉ FRCEM Management Viva remains part of the exam till Aug 18
- ◉ After this move to management portfolio - WPBA
- ◉ Current ST3s need to start compiling management portfolios
- ◉ Management Viva removed from exam from Aug 18 but management still assessed in clinical setting within FRCEM Final OSCE

FRCEM CTR/QIP

- ◉ FRCEM CTR continues to run until Spring/Summer 18
- ◉ Can submit a QIP instead as per current GMC guidance
- ◉ CTR/QIP will include a viva until Aug 18
- ◉ FRCEM Quality Improvement Project formally introduced from Aug 18
- ◉ FRCEM QIP (post Aug 18) will be centrally marked at college but NO viva
- ◉ From Aug 16 maximum of 4 attempts

FRCEM SAQ

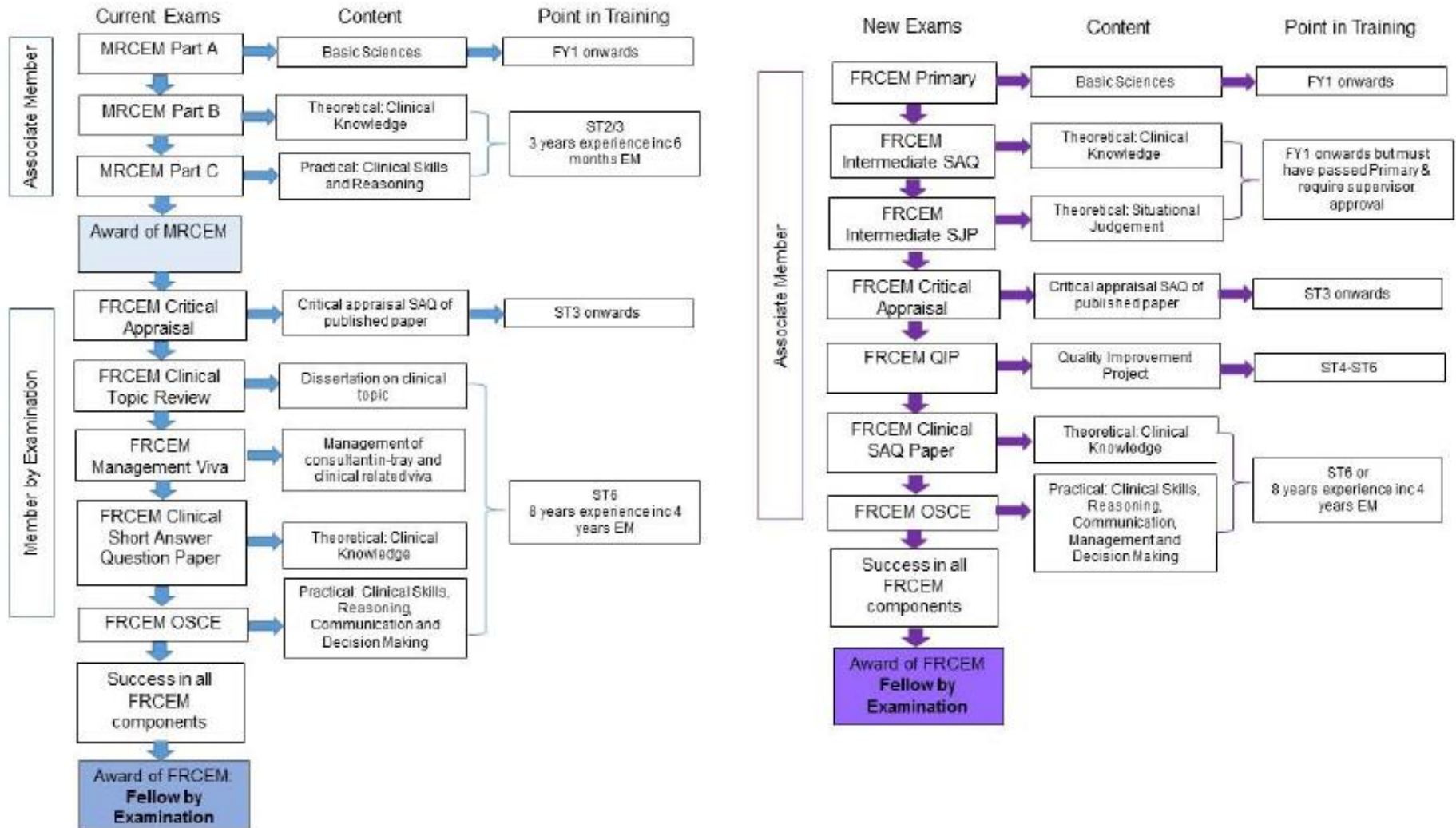
- ◉ From Aug 16 changed to 60 x 3 mark questions in 3 hours
- ◉ There will be linking of questions for depth
- ◉ Decoupling of clinical components of FRCEM so can pass SAQ and OSCE independently
- ◉ Extended blueprint, mapped to curriculum
- ◉ Use of Angoff + 1 SEM
- ◉ Maximum of 4 attempts

FINAL FRCEM OSCE

- ⦿ No change to format
- ⦿ Move to Borderline Regression + 1 SEM from n2p
- ⦿ Maximum of 4 attempts

TRAINING PATHWAYS

Appendix 1



FUTURE

⦿ Non-trainees

- Direct entry into FRCEM (without MRCEM) discontinued from Aug 18

⦿ Appointment of Exam Leads

- No longer Director of Exams
- Leads for Primary, Intermediate Certificate, Quality (CA/QIP), FRCEM Clinical and Examiner Development

⦿ Development of many more question writers and standard setters