

MRCS (ENT) Candidate FAQ's

The three scenarios below are to help Candidates understand the transition plan should they not pass the exam by February 2026.

Scenario 1: New MRCS (ENT) candidate

A candidate who attempts the MRCS (ENT) for the first time in October 2024 will have until February 2026 to pass the examination. If such a candidate does not pass the MRCS (ENT) before the last sitting of the examination in February 2026 will need to move to the MRCS Part B exam. Such a candidate will have all attempts permissible at the MRCS Part B as outlined in the MRCS Part B Regulations, and will need to pass this within 7 years of passing the MRCS Part A.

Scenario 2: Existing MRCS (ENT) candidate

A candidate who has attempted, but not passed, the MRCS (ENT) will have until February 2026 to pass the examination subject to the attempts limit outlined in the MRCS (ENT) Regulations and the ICBSE Additional Attempts Policy. If such a candidate does not pass the MRCS (ENT) before the last sitting of the examination in February 2026 they will need to move to the MRCS Part B exam. Such a candidate will have all attempts permissible at the MRCS Part B as outlined in the MRCS Part B Regulations and will need to pass this within 7 years of passing the MRCS Part A.

Scenario 3: DO-HNS Part 1 candidates

A candidate who has passed DO-HNS Part 1 and wishes to obtain MRCS (ENT) will have until February 2026 to pass the examination. If such a candidate does not pass the MRCS (ENT) before the last sitting of the examination in February 2026 they will need to register for and pass the MRCS Part A exam. Such a candidate will have all attempts permissible at the MRCS Part A and B as outlined in the MRCS regulations.