Who is eligible for the Membership CAI MCQ?

Any medical practitioner with a primary medical qualification acceptable to the Irish Medical Council (IMC) will be eligible to sit the MCAI MCQ Examination.

For a list of acceptable qualifications please see here: <http://avicenna.ku.dk/database/medicine>

What is the structure of the exam?

 The MCQ paper is made up of three 1 hour papers.

* Pharmacology
* Physiology
* Clinical Measurement

**Is there negative marking?**

One mark is awarded for each correct answer. Negative marking is not used in the MCAI MCQ i.e. a mark will not be lost for an incorrect answer. A question booklet and an optical mark sheet will be provided to record your answers; Candidates who make ambiguous marks on their optically read sheet will not be given the benefit of the doubt.

**How long is the result valid for?**

A pass in the MCQ is valid for 3 years from the date of the successful examination towards the OSCE/SOE, after this time the MCQ must be retaken.

The successful candidate’s exam numbers are published on the College website within one week of the examination.

All candidates receive their results by post.

**What are the eligibility criteria for the MCAI Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) and the Structured Oral Examination (SOE)?**

An individual is eligible to sit the MCAI OSCE/SOE who fulfils the following criteria:

* Is a medical practitioner with a primary medical qualification acceptable to the Irish Medical Council (IMC) will be eligible to sit the OSCE/SOE.
* Is registered with the Irish Medical Council or other national medical registration body.
* Has been employed as an anaesthetists for 12 months, prior to the date of the particular exam applied for.
* Has been successful in the MCAI MCQ.

**If successful in the Membership exam can I work in Ireland?**

No. You must be registered with the Irish Medical Council to work in Ireland. The CAI cannot help with this process. The IMC can be contacted at <http://www.medicalcouncil.ie/>

**If successful in the Membership exam can I join the CAI training programme?**

No. You must be registered with the Irish Medical Council to work in Ireland. The CAI cannot help with this process. The IMC can be contacted at <http://www.medicalcouncil.ie/> Applications open in Autumn for posts in July. Please visit our website [www.anaesthesia.ie/training](http://www.anaesthesia.ie/training) for information on how to apply for the training programme.

**Do I need to be in a training post to sit the Membership exam?**

You do not need to be in a training post. You must be employed as an anaesthetist for 12 months prior to your exam application.

**I passed the Primary/OQE examination; can I use MCAI after my name?**

Anyone successful in the Primary/OQE FCAI from 1998 onwards is eligible to apply for an ad eundem MCAI award. You must be conferred before you can use the post nominal MCAI.

**I have an exempting qualification (e.g FCPS) for the Final FCAI, can I be awarded the MCAI?**

No.The MCAI is awarded by examination only.