

Exam Pass Rate Data 2023

The Royal College of Emergency Medicine (RCEM) is pleased to present its inaugural publication of annual exam pass rate data for 2023. This comprehensive report marks a significant milestone in our ongoing commitment to transparency, accountability, and excellence in medical education and professional development within the field of emergency medicine.

By publishing the pass rate data, RCEM aims to provide valuable insights into the performance of our candidates, highlight trends and identify areas for further analysis. The data presented in this report reflects the rigorous standards upheld by the RCEM and underscores our dedication to fostering a competent and highly skilled workforce. This report also highlights where our commitment to Fairer Training Culture for all must demonstrate impact.

The College hopes that this report will serve as a useful resource. RCEM remains committed to supporting our members and ensuring the highest standards of patient care through ongoing education, training and examination.

Following the publication of this report the College will progress work on a more cross-sectional analysis of this data to present a truer picture of differential attainment in our exams. This report will also be published in relation to our commitment to transparency.

The following tables and graphs illustrate exam pass rates categorized by the following variable:

- Pass rates across RCEM exam diets
- Pass rates across RCEM exam diets by gender
- Pass rates across RCEM exam diets by trainee status
- Pass rates across RCEM exam diets by racial origin
- Pass rates across RCEM exam diets by PMQ
- Pass rates across RCEM exam diets by English 1st language
- Pass rates across RCEM exam diets by attempts
- Pass rates across RCEM exam diets by adjustments



Table 1: Pass rates across RCEM exam diets

| Exam | Fail | Pass | Total | Pass % |
|-------------|------|------|-------|--------|
| FRCEM OSCE | 100 | 522 | 622 | 83.9 |
| FRCEM SBA | 584 | 518 | 1102 | 47.0 |
| MRCEM OSCE | 147 | 905 | 1052 | 86.0 |
| MRCEM SBA | 2138 | 1897 | 4035 | 47.0 |
| Primary SBA | 1673 | 2314 | 3987 | 58.0 |
| Overall | 4642 | 6156 | 10798 | 57.0 |

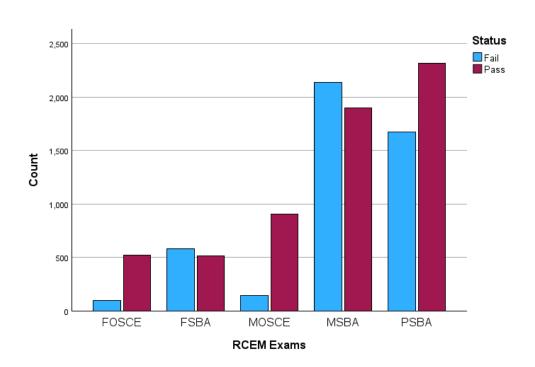




Table 2: Pass rates across RCEM exam diets by gender

| Gender | Fail | Pass | Total | Pass % |
|-------------|------|------|-------|--------|
| Female | 1184 | 1890 | 3074 | 61.5 |
| Male | 2345 | 2976 | 5321 | 55.9 |
| Undisclosed | 1113 | 1290 | 2403 | 53.7 |
| Total | 4642 | 6156 | 10798 | 57.0 |

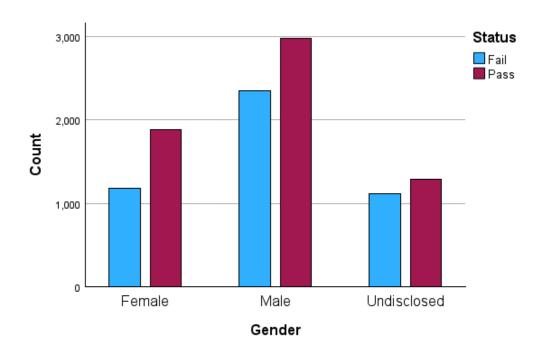




Table 3: Pass rates across RCEM exam diets by trainee status

| Trainee Status | Fail | Pass | Total | Pass % |
|----------------|------|------|-------|--------|
| UK Trainee | 257 | 1640 | 1897 | 86.5 |
| UK Non-Trainee | 746 | 1004 | 1750 | 57.4 |
| ROI | 187 | 206 | 393 | 52.4 |
| International | 3429 | 3274 | 6703 | 48.8 |
| Undisclosed | 23 | 32 | 55 | 58.2 |
| Total | 4642 | 6156 | 10798 | 57.0 |

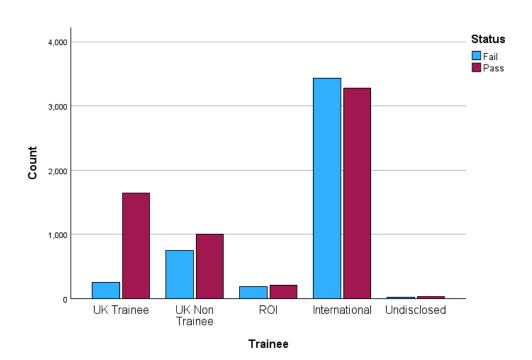




Table 4: Pass rates across RCEM exam diets by racial origin

| Racial | Fail | Pass | Total | Pass % |
|------------------|------|------|-------|--------|
| Asian | 2580 | 2563 | 5143 | 49.8 |
| Black | 486 | 574 | 1060 | 54.2 |
| Mixed | 135 | 207 | 342 | 60.5 |
| NA & Undisclosed | 293 | 498 | 791 | 63.0 |
| Others | 907 | 912 | 1819 | 50.1 |
| White | 241 | 1402 | 1643 | 85.3 |
| Total | 4642 | 6156 | 10798 | 57.0 |

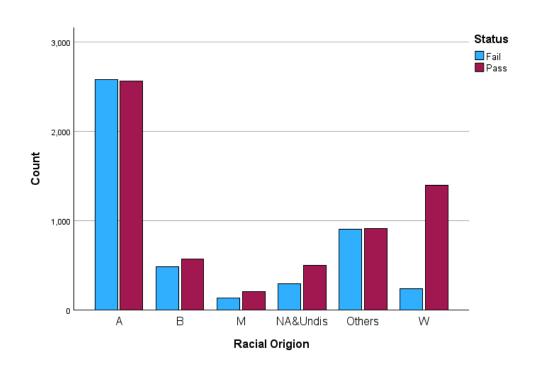




Table 5: Pass rates across RCEM exam diets by PMQ

| PMQ | Fail | Pass | Total | Pass % |
|---------------|------|------|-------|--------|
| UK | 225 | 1662 | 1887 | 88.1 |
| EEA | 153 | 238 | 391 | 60.9 |
| International | 3805 | 3790 | 7595 | 49.9 |
| Undisclosed | 459 | 466 | 925 | 50.4 |
| Total | 4642 | 6156 | 10798 | 57.0 |

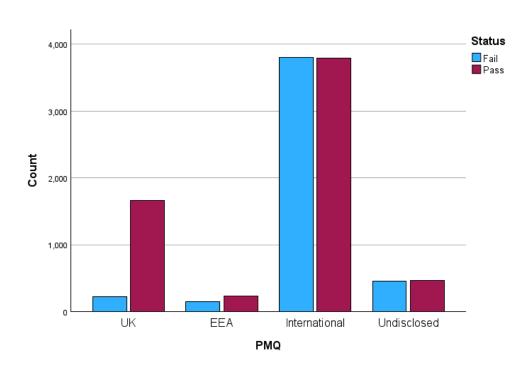




Table 6: Pass rates across RCEM exam diets by English 1st language

| English 1st Lang | Fail | Pass | Total | Pass % |
|------------------|------|------|-------|--------|
| No | 3196 | 3459 | 6655 | 52.0 |
| Yes | 987 | 2231 | 3218 | 69.3 |
| Undisclosed | 459 | 466 | 925 | 50.4 |
| Total | 4642 | 6156 | 10798 | 57.0 |

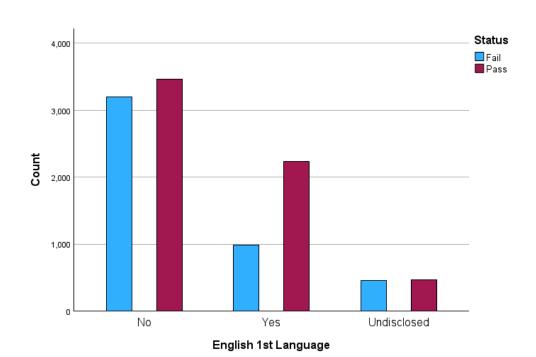




Table 7: Pass rates across RCEM exam diets by attempts

| Attempts | Fail | Pass | Total | Pass % |
|----------|------|------|-------|--------|
| 1 | 2735 | 4541 | 7276 | 62.4 |
| 2 | 1069 | 974 | 2043 | 47.7 |
| 3 | 473 | 359 | 832 | 43.1 |
| 4 | 213 | 174 | 387 | 45.0 |
| 5 | 119 | 68 | 187 | 36.4 |
| 6 | 30 | 33 | 63 | 52.4 |
| 7 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 57.1 |
| 8 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 100.0 |
| Total | 4642 | 6156 | 10798 | 57.0 |

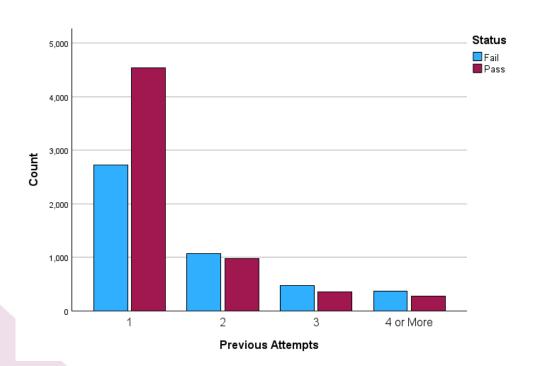




Table 8: Pass rates across RCEM exam diets by adjustments

| Adjustment | Fail | Pass | Total | Pass % |
|------------|------|------|-------|--------|
| No | 4565 | 5976 | 10541 | 56.7 |
| Yes | 77 | 180 | 257 | 70.0 |
| Total | 4642 | 6156 | 10798 | 57.0 |

