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ICO International Advanced Examination (115 and 180 Questions, FICO)

This is the most advanced written examination of its type in ophthalmology in the world. It is held in the candidates own country. Applications for April 2020 will start on 1 September 2019 and close on 24 July 2020.

Advanced 115 Questions

To take this examination, the candidates must have passed the ICO Clinical Ophthalmology Examination, and to use the postnominal acronym of FICO, the candidate must have passed a local face-to-face examination of their local society or in the absence of this, have a licence to practise from the ministry of health.

Advanced 180 Questions

To take this examination, the candidate must have passed the ICO Visual Sciences, Optics, Refraction & Instruments and Clinical Ophthalmology Examinations from 2019 or have passed Advanced 115 Questions.

To be successful, candidates need a very high level of up-to-date current knowledge in General Ophthalmology, sufficient to act as an expert independent consultant. It will test knowledge and cognitive processes in current Applied Basic Sciences, Clinical Sciences and International Medical Ethics, Medical and Good Practice and it will demand a high level of 'common sense' decision making.

Passing the Advanced 180 Questions will allow candidates who hold MRCSEd, to move onto FRCSEd

Opportunities to take these examinations will be limited.

Application Forms and further information:

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