Orthopaedic Multiple Choice Question (OMCQ)
Test Information – 2028 Intake

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KEY EXAMINATION INFORMATION

Key Dates:

- Registration – 17 February to 24 February 2027
- Test Date – 13 March 2027

Test Fee: $250

Venues

City	Local Start Time
Cairns	1pm
Brisbane	1pm
Sydney	2pm
Melbourne	2pm
Hobart	2pm
Adelaide	1.30pm
Perth	10.30am

Modifications and adjustments may be necessary in response to exceptional circumstances or events beyond the AOAs control. In such instances, applicants registered for the Test will be advised as soon as is reasonably practical.

Registration
Applicants will receive an email inviting them to register for their preferred test location. Applicants will register directly with the testing centre.

PURPOSE AND CONTENT OF THE TEST

The OMCQ will assess an applicant's orthopaedic and clinical knowledge.

Knowledge level for the OMCQ will be targeted at the level of a well performing unaccredited orthopaedic registrar who is ready to commence training.

The OMCQ will cover orthopaedic knowledge and clinical scenarios an unaccredited orthopaedic registrar can expect to encounter in their daily work. The MCQs will be True-False type questions only (a lead-in question with 4 options, each to be marked true or false). True-false questions will test

- Basic orthopaedic sciences
- Common orthopaedic conditions
- Surgical approaches & anatomy
- Orthopaedic clinical examination

Applicants may wish to review the JDocs PGY3 Competencies for reference. An unaccredited registrar who is ready to commence training is expected to perform at or above this level.

The best preparation for the OMCQ is your on-the-job experience.

ELIGIBILITY TO PRESENT FOR THE TEST

In order to be eligible to present for the OMCQ:

- Applicants must have registered with RACS as per clause 4.1 of the *Regulations for Selection to the AOA 21 Training Program in Orthopaedic Surgery for 2028*
- Applicants must have made an application to AOA as per clause 5 of the *Regulations for Selection to the AOA 21 Training Program in Orthopaedic Surgery for 2028*
- It is the applicant's responsibility to make the appropriate travel arrangements and to meet any costs incurred in attending the OMCQ.

TEST STRUCTURE

The OMCQ:

- Will be a single test with 50 multiple choice questions
- Will be scored out of a total of 100 marks
- Will run for 75 minutes

Where a manifest error is identified in a question after the OMCQ and prior to the release of the results, that question will be removed from the scoring and the total marks for the OMCQ, and any reference to the total marks will be adjusted accordingly. A manifest error is an error that is obvious and indisputable.

Each question will be worth 2 marks, with each response option worth 0.5 points. No points are deducted for a wrong answer.

EXAMPLE OF TRUE-FALSE QUESTION

True-False question example:
In the anterior compartment of the forearm, an internervous plane lies between which of the following muscles:

i. Brachioradialis and pronator teres
ii. Pronator teres and flexor carpi radialis
iii. Flexor carpi radialis and flexor carpi ulnaris
iv. Flexor carpi ulnaris and flexor digitorum superficialis

i., iii. and iv. are correct, with each muscle supplied by a different nerve. ii. is incorrect as both muscles are supplied by the median nerve.

OMCQ RULES OF CONDUCT

Applicants will be provided with instructions for attending and completing the OMCQ following registration.

TEST RESULTS

There is no minimum score required on the OMCQ to be eligible to continue in the Selection process.

OMCQ scores will be combined with Departmental Referee Report Scores as outlined in clause 10 of the *Regulations for Selection to the AOA 21 Training Program in Orthopaedic Surgery for 2028.*

Applicants will not be provided with their score or a copy of the test.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

Please refer to clause 6.9 of the *Regulations for Selection to the AOA 21 Training Program in Orthopaedic Surgery for 2028* for information on applications for Special Consideration.