

SOP - OSCE Examiners for MBChB Examinations

The following principles should be applied when selecting examiners for OSCE exams:

- Examiners should normally be NHS clinical practitioners (doctor, nurse or Physician Associate, etc.) or appropriate members of university teaching staff, or recently retired from such a position (see additional criteria below).
- Examiners should have at least 2 years clinical experience.
- Examiners should normally have a teaching role and must have contemporaneous knowledge of the MBChB curriculum.
- Examiners should not be subject to any current fitness to practise or disciplinary proceedings.
- Examiners must undertake OSCE examiner training, which may include additional support for recently retired staff.
- OSCE examiners must have undergone equality and diversity training in the previous three years.
- Selection of examiners is at the discretion of the OSCE coordinator.
- In most cases, any qualified staff should be able to examine in any undergraduate station. For selected speciality stations, the OSCE coordinator may wish to use examiners with relevant expertise.

For years 1-3, appropriately trained FY2, Core, IMT and specialty trainees may act as examiners in selected station types. Retired staff should normally be within 5 years of retirement from a clinical or educational role and hold honorary status.

For years 4-5, normally only doctors at senior trainees or consultant level, should act as examiners, except for trainees in education such as clinical teaching fellows. Other experienced healthcare practitioners may be suitable for selected stations. Retired staff should normally be within 3 years of retirement from a clinical or educational role and hold honorary status

Out of Programme and SCREDS lecturers may also be eligible to examine and should approach the Assessment Administrator for further guidance.