

Progression Criteria

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Faculty of Radiologists, RCSI: Summative Assessments and Progression criteria: These apply to SpRs who passed the Primary Examination in or after May 2016. Please refer to section 5 for special provisions for trainees who were in the scheme during the COVID 19 pandemic of 2020.

1. A candidate in the training programme of the Faculty of Radiologists cannot be fully accredited for the 1st year of training until they have passed Part 1. If they pass their 2nd attempt at the examination in September (Q1) of chronological year 2 of training, they may proceed in 2nd year with their starting cohort. If not, they must repeat 1st year with the new cohort of 1st year SpRs.
2. SpRs not accredited for a year of training because of examination failure in FFR Part 1 and repeating the training year do not need to repeat rotations / modules for which they have obtained credit.
3. In the Irish Radiology Training Programme, the CSCST date of SpRs not accredited for a year of training because of examination failure in FFR part 1 will be extended by 12 months.
4. Candidates can progress through training years 2-5 notwithstanding examination failure if deemed to be operating at an appropriate level at assessment by local training coordinator, with input from Fellowship Advisory Committee and possibly the Chief Part 2 Examiner. FFR Part 2a and 2b examinations can be attempted after successfully completing the Part I examination and the candidate has passed assessments for the first three years of training as recognized by the Faculty of Radiologists. CSCST requires completion of 5 years accredited training, passage of FFR Part 2a and 2b and completion of mandatory modules and

rotations. The maximum time within which to complete 5 years of accredited training is 9 years. In exceptional circumstances such as maternity/family leave, long term illness, relevant PhD and other such instances the Fellowship Advisory Committee may recommend to the board that this period of time may be extended for an individual trainee.

5. Candidates in Training during the COVID 19 Pandemic of 2020

- a. As there was no Part 1 examination held, all candidates may proceed from first year to second year provided there is a satisfactory end of year assessment.
- b. Part 1 candidates that fail the subsequent PART 1 examination in Autumn 2020 should be referred to the FAC who may decide that those candidates may continue as second years or should repeat the first year depending on the views of the Chief Part 1 examiner and the Local and National Education Coordinators.
- c. Any Radiology SpR who is transferred to another clinical service during the emergency shall have that time counted as radiology training for the purposes of calculation of accredited training.