Royal College of Emergency Medicine

OSCE Marking

RCEM OSCE examinations follow a domain-based marking scheme. Domain Based marking is a style of assessment in which candidates will be assessed against a series of domains. The Domains are skills which candidates are expected to demonstrate within each station.

MRCEM OSCE Domains

There are 7 domains across each MRCEM OSCE station.

Clinical reasoning/ decision making	Practical/ pinnacle skills
Communication skills (incl. conflict)	Teaching skills
History taking/ information gathering	Organisation/ prioritisation
Clinical examination skills	

FRCEM OSCE Domains

There are 9 domains across each FRCEM OSCE station.

Clinical reasoning/ decision making	Practical/ pinnacle skills
Communication skills (incl. conflict)	Teaching skills
History taking/ information gathering	Organisation/ prioritisation
Clinical examination skills	Leadership and Management
Research & Data Management	

In each OSCE Station 1-4 Domains will be tested. Each domain will be separately weighted in relation to its overall importance within the station. Candidates will be assessed by the examiner, who will form a judgement on the level of competence they display in each Domain/skill, ranging from well below minimum level of competence to well above for each Domain in each station.

Well below minimum level of competence	Below minimum level of competence	Minimum level of competence displayed	Above minimum level of competence	Well above level of competence
Very poor level of knowledge / skills displayed	Below minimum level of knowledge / skills displayed	Below minimum level of knowledge / skills displayed	Above minimum level of knowledge / skills displayed	Well above minimum level of knowledge / skills displayed
Frequent minor errors	Infrequent minor error only	Minor errors identified and rectified	Single minor error identified and rectified	No errors
Task not completed	Task completed to poor standard	Task satisfactorily completed	Task completed to good standard	Task completed to high standard

The examiner judgements of candidate performance for each domain within a station will be converted into a numerical value, based on the weighting of the domain. The numerical value of each domain will be calculated to provide candidates with a score ranging from 0-10 for each station. There are 16 stations in the MRCEM and FRCEM OSCE examinations and the maximum score achievable for each examination is 160.0 marks.

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