

## ST3 Recruitment 2017

### Applicants' guide addendum for round 2

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## 1 Introduction

This document is an addendum to the applicants' guide produced for round 1 of recruitment to ST3-level training posts in the JRCPTB-coordinated process.

It should be used in conjunction with the applicants' guide for ST3 round 1, and the more detailed information on the ST3 Recruitment website ([www.st3recruitment.org.uk](http://www.st3recruitment.org.uk)) to assist applicants throughout the recruitment process.

Should you have any queries or comments relating to the ST3 Recruitment process, please direct these to our recruitment helpdesk via email at [st1recruitment@rcplondon.ac.uk](mailto:st1recruitment@rcplondon.ac.uk).

### 1.1 What happens in ST3 round 2?

Round 2 is largely a repeat of round 1 with the process being similar in most respects: the application form, eligibility criteria, interview format and assessment criteria are all the same as round 1. However, there are some key differences and this document will focus on these.

### 1.2 Major differences this round

#### 1.2.1 Participating specialties

Unlike round 1, not all specialties will participate in round 2. At time of publication, the specialties participating in round 2 of 2017 recruitment are:

- acute internal medicine
- allergy
- clinical pharmacology & therapeutics
- combined infection training (CIT)<sup>†</sup>
- dermatology
- endocrinology & diabetes mellitus
- gastroenterology
- genitourinary medicine
- geriatric medicine
- haematology
- immunology
- medical ophthalmology
- neurology
- palliative medicine
- rehabilitation medicine
- renal medicine
- respiratory medicine
- rheumatology
- sport and exercise medicine.

<sup>†</sup>Recruitment to CIT covers training in the specialties of: infectious diseases, medical microbiology, medical virology and tropical medicine. For more information please visit the 'Infection specialties' page of the ST3 Recruitment website at the following link: <http://www.st3recruitment.org.uk/specialties/infection-specialties>

#### **Specialties not participating**

The following JRCPTB-coordinated specialties are not currently expected to participate in round 2; the next round in which you can apply for these specialties will be round 1 of 2018:

- audiovestibular medicine
- cardiology
- clinical genetics
- clinical neurophysiology
- medical oncology.

For a full list of medical specialties (including those not coordinated by JRCPTB) please visit the ST3 Recruitment website: <http://www.st3recruitment.org.uk/specialties>

## 1.2.2 National single centre recruitment model

In round 1 a number of different recruitment models were used. In round 2, the 'national single centre' recruitment model will be used for all specialties. This means that you will not be required to give any preferences of particular regions when completing your application; you are applying purely for the specialty at that stage.

Later on, you will be required to give preferences of the available posts – at that point, you can opt to be considered for as many (or as few) post vacancies available nationally as you wish. The other main factor in this model is that each specialty will nominate a particular region to act as lead for the round. That lead region will manage all applications, host interviews and make offers on behalf of all regions nationally.

The lead region for each specialty can be found on the next page.

## 1.2.3 MRCP(UK) Part 2 Written

Any candidates applying for round 2 of the recruitment process, and needing to complete the MRCP(UK) to be eligible, **must** have sat and passed the Part 2 Written examination by the time of submitting their application. This is because results for any Part 2 Written examinations taken after the application period will not be available until after deadline for completion.

## 1.2.4 Leadership and management

It is expected that the application scoring system will see the introduction of a new section for leadership and management. Details of the scoring options and points available are being confirmed and will be published in advance of the opening date for applications.

A news item will be published on the website confirming the change once finalised and the 'Application scoring' section of the website will be updated: <http://www.st3recruitment.org.uk/recruitment-process/applying/application-scoring>

## 1.2.5 Post start dates

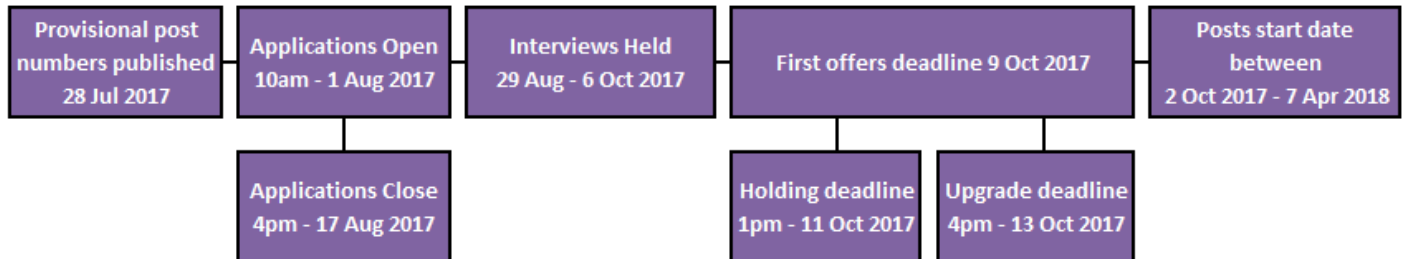
As many posts in round 2 are unfilled from round 1, they can be available to start as soon as possible. However, the time required for pre-employment checks can vary so the exact start date will be dependent on how long this takes.

When selecting programme preferences, the start date given may be the earliest that the post is available; eg 1 October 2017. However, if you are successful, it is likely that the actual start date will be later than this, depending on how long it takes to complete your checks.

The actual start date will be agreed with and confirmed by employing regions for successful candidates as soon as possible after accepted offers are confirmed.

## 2 Timeline

The table below gives the key dates in round 2 of 2017 recruitment:



The timing of the processes for longlisting and shortlisting will vary, although in each case they should be completed no later than seven days prior to interview.

### 2.1 Interview and dates and lead regions by specialty

Specialty	Lead region	Interview date(s)
Acute internal medicine	West Midlands	Thursday 5 October
Allergy & immunology	London and South East	Tuesday 12 September
Combined infection training	London and South East	Friday 8 September
Clinical pharmacology & therapeutics	Scotland	Tuesday 5 September
Dermatology	North West (North West)	Wednesday 4 October
Endocrinology & diabetes mellitus	South West (Severn)	Wednesday 30 August
Gastroenterology	Scotland	Tuesday 19 September Wednesday 20 September
Genitourinary medicine	East Midlands	Wednesday 27 September
Geriatric medicine	London and South East	Thursday 7 September
Haematology	South West (Peninsula)	Friday 15 September
Medical ophthalmology	London and South East	Wednesday 30 August
Neurology	Thames Valley	Wednesday 27 September
Palliative medicine	West Midlands	Wednesday 13 September
Rehabilitation medicine	West Midlands	Monday 11 September
Renal medicine	North West (Mersey)	Wednesday 4 October
Respiratory medicine	South West (Peninsula)	Monday 4 September Tuesday 5 September
Rheumatology	London and South East	Thursday 31 August
Sport and exercise medicine	East Midlands	Wednesday 20 September

## 3 Post numbers

In the main the posts available in round 2 will be those not filled in round 1. However, it is often the case that additional vacancies are entered into the round which have become vacant since round 1.

Provisional post numbers will be confirmed by **Friday 28 July 2017**, although it is expected that there may still be some regions unable to confirm at this stage and on average post numbers tend to increase between the start and end of the round.

One thing we must stress is that, although we will give what indications we can, there are no guarantees of accuracy and things can change during the round. In particular, if a region has no posts at the start of the round, it is possible they will add some during the process if any become available.

The only way to be in contention for posts which may arise later in the round is to submit an application.

## 4 Applicants

### 4.1 Applicants who applied in round 1

If you applied in round 1 and wish to be considered in round 2, it will be necessary to submit a separate application to this round.

Candidates may reapply for various reasons, for example:

- They were not successful in round 1.
- Their personal circumstances have changed.

Regardless of your reasons, and the outcome of your application in round 1, you are permitted to apply and your round 1 application will have no bearing on round 2.

### 4.2 Applying on Oriel

If you make an application, please ensure you use the same Oriel account as your round 1 application.

The details in the 'Registration' area of Oriel will be transferred across to your round 2 application, so any information entered here previously will save you time. We advise that you check and update your registration information before applying as this will be stored for potential future use.

### 4.3 New applicants

As round 2 is entirely independent of round 1 there is no requirement to have applied in round 1

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## 5 Future recruitment

### 5.1 2018 recruitment

We will begin to make specific information available on 2018 ST3 recruitment in late 2017, as that recruitment period approaches.

Any further information on 2018 recruitment will be published initially to the future recruitment page of our website: <http://www.st3recruitment.org.uk/recruitment-process/planning-your-application/future-recruitment>

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## 6 Finally

We have endeavoured to make the process of recruitment to ST3 as fair, transparent and streamlined as possible for all parties – and for applicants in particular.

We have consulted widely with trainees' groups, consultants, Health Education England, the devolved UK nations, specialty advisory committees, as well as recruitment offices and groups for other specialties/programmes.

### **Further information**

Detailed information on ST3 Recruitment is available on our website: <http://www.st3recruitment.org.uk/>

Should you have any queries relating to the recruitment process at any time, our website contains a section giving details on the most frequently-asked questions relating to ST3 Recruitment:

<http://www.st3recruitment.org.uk/help/overview>

Otherwise, please email our recruitment helpdesk with any queries at [st3recruitment@jrcptb.org.uk](mailto:st3recruitment@jrcptb.org.uk).

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you luck with your application,

The Specialty Recruitment Office

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