

# FAQ's – Update to the MCQ Exam Pass Standard

## **1. What is changing in 2026?**

From 2026, the AMC will implement a small increase to the pass standard for the MCQ Examination. The way results are reported to candidates will not change.

## **2. Is the exam getting harder?**

No. The content, format and structure of the MCQ Examination remain the same. The adjustment reflects routine review and benchmarking of the exam standard, rather than a change in difficulty.

## **3. Will the score scale change?**

No. Results will continue to be reported on a 0–500 scale, with the pass mark described as 250. The updated pass standard will be integrated within this existing scale.

## **4. Will I have to answer a greater percentage of questions correctly?**

No. The exam utilises computer-adaptive testing which select questions targeted to the candidate's ability. A pass score indicates that the candidate's ability is above the standard as they have answered questions with a difficulty level above the cut score correctly.

## **5. Why is the AMC making this change?**

The AMC periodically reviews the MCQ Examination to ensure it reflects the level expected of graduating medical students in Australia. This includes benchmarking with Australian medical schools to maintain fairness, relevance and consistency over time.

## **6. Does this affect candidates sitting in 2025?**

No. The updated pass standard will apply to exams from 2026 onwards. Candidates sitting the MCQ Examination in 2025 were assessed under the previous standard.

## **7. Will my previous MCQ result be reassessed?**

No. All results are assessed against the pass standard in place at the time the exam was sat.

## **8. What support is available to help candidates prepare?**

The AMC's free MCQ preparation app, introduced in 2025, will continue to be available in 2026. It includes practice questions with feedback and will be refreshed with new items in April 2026.

## **9. Will preparation resources change because of this update?**

No immediate changes are required. Existing preparation approaches remain appropriate, and the MCQ app continues to align with the exam blueprint and expected standard.

**10. Where can I find more information or ask questions?**

Candidates can refer to the AMC website or contact the AMC MCQ team via the usual enquiry email.