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PRE – ACADEMIC SCORECARD ST2 –ST3

40 Marks

In total 40 marks are awarded for relevant Academic Performance and Commitment to Academic advancement over the totality of your career (post undergraduate). A further 40 marks can be awarded during the Specialty interview where this component will be further assessed.

A maximum of **40 marks** may be awarded in this section. It is theoretically possible for applicants to accumulate more than 40 marks based on thesis; other higher degrees/awards, publications and presentations but the maximum mark which may be awarded stands at 40 marks.

Marks in section one are not cumulative, and applicants will only be credited for the highest scoring degree. For example, if an applicant has an MD degree (26) and also a surgically relevant MSc degree (26) their total score in this section will be 40 marks which is the Max score available.

30 Max

1. Higher Degree by Thesis

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| • PhD | 30 |
| • MD | 26 |
| • MCh | 20 |
| • Submitted with verification | 16 |

Applicants who have completed a thesis must submit a summary of the thesis with the application process. Applicants who have been awarded a Higher Degree by thesis through a non-Irish university **must** produce sufficient documentation to satisfy the shortlisting committee that their thesis is equivalent to a thesis which would be submitted to an Irish university.

2. Other Higher Degrees/Awards

20 Max

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| • Taught Modular MCh (90 ECTS credits) | 20 |
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A proportion of this 20 marks may be awarded for satisfactory completion of individual modules of a taught Masters or taught PhD programme. The mark awarded will be guided by the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS).

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| • Other relevant Masters degrees (90 ECTS credits)
(e.g. M.Sc., M.Ed., MBA) | 20 |
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A mark of up to 20 marks may be awarded for surgically relevant degrees which are obtained through full-time study of at least one year and are **relevant to the specialty**. The same mark (20) may be awarded for specialty relevant degrees which are obtained through part-time study of at least two years. A max mark of 20 may be awarded for surgically relevant degrees which are obtained through part-time study of at least one year. The mark awarded will be guided by the ECTS credits.

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| • Relevant Higher Diplomas (60 ECTS credits) | 14 |
| • Relevant Diplomas (45 ECTS credits) | 10 |
| • Relevant Certificates (30 ECTS credits) | 6 |



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Each specialty will devise its own list of degrees and diplomas which are relevant to that specialty and for which marks will be awarded. As with the taught modular M.Ch (above) marks can be awarded for attainment of ECTS credits even if a full Degree/Diploma has not yet been awarded.

Marks are only awarded for degrees or diplomas which are awarded by universities or educational establishments recognised by the Irish Medical Council or by the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland. **Marks are not awarded for any degree which is obtained prior to commencement of undergraduate medical school.** Likewise, marks are not awarded for any degree obtained as a matter of course during medical school. Degrees obtained during medical school may only be scored if the applicant has taken time out of medical school to obtain the degree on a full-time basis.

3. Publications

30 Max

- **Original peer reviewed scientific papers**

An applicant may submit any number of publications for consideration for scoring. However, the maximum mark of 30 in this section stands. Only publications in peer reviewed scientific journals will be considered. For most specialties, the marks allocated will be based on the impact factor of the journal as follows:

Impact factor < 1:	6 marks
Impact factor ≥ 2:	10 marks
Impact factor ≥ 3:	15 marks
Impact factor ≥ 4:	18 marks
Impact factor ≥ 5:	20 marks

The full mark described above will be awarded for first author or senior author; one half of that mark will be awarded for co-author. All publications for consideration **must have** a PMID number submitted with the application. If the publication is not yet on PubMed, there must be a letter of acceptance from the editor of the journal submitted with the application.

Some surgical specialties will produce a list of “premium journals” relevant to the specialty which will be marked as if their impact factor is >3

Applicants will be asked to submit their five most important publications. A sub-committee of the selection panel will then assess and grade the publications in order to allocate a suitable mark.

- **Invited Review Articles:** 8 marks 8 max, depending on Journal)
- **Book Chapters** (4 each max 2) 8 marks First Author (must include ISBN number of book
Co-Author (must include ISBN number of
- **Case Reports** (2 each max 4) 4 marks Irrespective of impact factor of journal, max 4 marks

Applicants may not be rewarded twice for a presentation which is published automatically because it has been presented at a surgical meeting. No points will be awarded for abstracts or letters to the Editor.



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4. Presentations at Scientific/Clinical Meetings **10 Max**

A maximum of 10 marks may be awarded for presentations at scientific meetings. A mark of 2 marks may be awarded for presentation at each meeting (i.e. Max 5 presentations). Marks in this section may be cumulative up to the total of 10 marks. Marks are only awarded if the applicant has actually made the presentation at the meeting.

- No marks are awarded for being a co-author of a presentation.
- No marks are awarded for poster presentations.
- Marks will not be given twice for presenting the same material at more than one meeting.

Each specialty will/may compile its own list of international and national meetings which are recognised for scoring under this heading.

5. Prizes for Research **10 Max**

The maximum score under this section is 10 marks. Marks in this section may be cumulative, up to a maximum of 10 marks. Each specialty will compile its own list of recognised prizes

- International 10
- National 6

6. Other Approved Education Programme **10 Max**
(Specialty & relevant clinical course)
5 marks each max 10)