

**FAQ for registration process for MICR examination**

**(MICR by ICRI, Academic wing of IRIA)**

**INDIAN COLLEGE OF RADIOLOGY AND  
IMAGING**



**MASTERS IN CLINICAL RADIOLOGY (MICR)**

**Frequently asked Questions.**

## **1. What is MICR and how one can register for the STEP 1 MICR exam?**

MICR is an academic honour given to those Radiologists successfully complete all three parts of the MICR exam, by the Indian College of Radiology & Imaging, the academic wing of IRIA, for its members.

The aim is to uplift standards to enable preparation, ensuring competence and performance at the international standard, at the same time ensuring, the knowledge required for practice in India.

The Radiology/Radiodiagnosis postgraduates who are undergoing a recognized University or National Board degree or diploma (MD,DNB, DMRD) training, are eligible to take the STEP 1 exam after 6 months of training completed at the time of application; those who has completed the previously mentioned degree or diploma can take this examination irrespective of age. Please note: step 2 MICR require 12 months of completed training; STEP 3A MICR require 24 months of completed training and Sep 3B require completion of 36 months of training and a pass result from University/NBE examination. From 2024 onwards, those who completed 36 months of training, they can appear for 3A and 3B together, conducted continuously, if they choose to be; registration portal for the same would remain separate for clarity. For those who want to take only 3A, can take from 18 months of completion of training but can only take 3B after 36 months of completion; the honour of MICR shall be awarded after completion of the degree certificate from University or NBE.

All those who already completed 36 months of training, obtained the degree and working as consultants are eligible to apply starting from STEP 1.

- Please read other documents - 'MICR eligibility criteria' & 'MICR overview document'.

## **2. What are the criteria of Indian and international candidates for the purpose of MICR examination registration?**

- 'Indian candidates' - Candidates pursuing or completed Radiology degree course in India (see separate 'MICR - eligibility criteria') and are Indian citizens at the time of application for each part of MICR and should be member (Provisional or Life member) of the association.
- 'International candidates' - Indian origin students pursuing or completed Radiology degree course outside India, anyone with non-Indian passports.
- Fees vary for Indian and international candidates.

## **2. What documents to be uploaded online?**

All documents to be uploaded should be saved as Jpeg or PDF files; the list includes, Photo, signature, medical council registration, MBBS degree certificate, Bonafide certificate from HOD/Head of institution, Post graduate degree certificate and Identity proof (Aadhar card / Passport) as requested by the form. You have to bring the original ID proof for verification to the exam venue at the time of examination.

## **3. What if I cannot take the exam after the registration?**

There is no refund; postponement to next session is allowed for valid health reasons or unforeseen epidemic or natural calamities only. Such postponement may incur additional

postponement fee plus any difference of, revised fees for next exam (if changed). Any postponement or change of centre request will be entertained up to 3 weeks (21 days – excluding the exam day) prior to exam date. After this deadline no such request can be processed. Postponement is allowed once only.

#### **4. What is the new regulation changes in MICR steps in 2024?**

Please note from 2024, the previous step 2b is now rearranged with step 3 and will be called as step 3A (Long cases and Essential Radiology); this is to reduce the travel and stay expenses, for those candidates who choose to take the parts 3A and 3B together. Previous step 3 comprising viva and OSCE will remain unchanged and will be known as step 3B.

**Please note** when taken together, pass in step 3A is mandatory for passing entire step 3, if both components are taken together. The candidate can also choose to take it separately as well and 3A should be taken first and passed before applying for 3B. If the candidate pass 3A and fail in 3B, only 3B need to be taken in the following sitting; however, if the candidate fails 3A and passes 3B, he/she has to take both 3A and 3B again.

#### **5. What is the examination fee for STEP 1, STEP 2 and Step 3A/3B MICR in 2024?**

**Step 1** - (both Anatomy and physics modules inclusive, single day computer-based examination)-

Indian Candidates - Rs 14, 000 /- (Rupees Fourteen thousand only (Indian Candidates) – this includes GST payable to Govt of India (around 18%) but excluding the payment gateway charges).

International candidates Rs. 25.000/-

Candidate can choose to take one module also, but the fee remains the same.

**Step 2** – (CORE examination – 3 papers of SBA / other types of questions, computer based)

Rs 24,000/- (Indian Candidates)

Rs 37,000/- (International Candidates)

**Step 3A** (Long cases reporting and Essential Radiology – computer based)

Rs 25,000/- (Indian Candidates)

Rs 45,000/- (International Candidates)

**Step 3B** (viva voce & OSCE – onsite examination at specific centres)

Rs 45,000/- (Indian Candidates)

Rs 80,000/- (International Candidates)

Fee is for part 1 MICR for both modules inclusive (to be conducted on the same day) for Indian candidates; if the candidate chooses to take only one module, still the cost would remain the same.

**6. Is the GST is included or excluded with examination fees?**

GST is included in the examination fees; payment gateway charges are separate as indicated previously.

**7. What are the important dates?**

- Please see notifications.

**8. Should I re-register again for steps 2, 3A and B?**

There is no need to re-register or upload certificates – only the appropriate completion year request to be upload or to be recorded; use your same log in credentials of your STEP I MICR registration in the portal; once logged in, confirm your registration details. If you think some DETAILS need to be changed such as email/phone /address etc. – please input your request in the box provided. Go to the next page, confirm that you have fulfilled the eligibility criteria for step 2 (as below) and agree to terms and conditions; then proceed to payment portal.

**10. What is the overview - including exam pattern and eligibility criteria for MICR exam?**

See table below

	Eligibility criteria	Module / paper / section / types of questions	Number of questions	Duration of examination	Marks
MICR STEP 1	Minimum requirement of at least 6 months of radiology training as below.	<b>A</b> -Anatomy Module (SBA and True or false type)	150	3 hours	150
	<u>Indian candidates</u> in approved Institutions having completed or pursuing full time post graduate course such as MD/DNB/DMRD – recognised by National board, NMC or Central Government approved University.  <u>International candidates</u> in Postgraduate Radiology and Imaging full time training	<b>B</b> -Physics Module (True/False) (40 stem x 5 responses)	200	3 hours	200

	program approved by the respective country's National board or University.				
MICR STEP 2A & 2B	<p>Should have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Passed both Anatomy and physics modules of MICR part I</li> </ul> <p>And</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completed training for at least 12 months for step 2</li> </ul> <p><i>(please see changes from 2024 below)</i></p>	<b>Part 2: Paper 1</b> (SBA/ T or F)	Variable depending on the questions	Approximately 2 hours	variable
		Paper 2 (SBA/ T or F)	Variable depending on the questions	Approximately 2 hours	variable
		Paper 3 (SBA/ T or F)	Variable depending on the questions	Approximately 2 hours	variable
MICR parts 3A & 3B	<p>Should have</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Passed step 1, step 2 examinations</li> </ul> <p>And</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completed radiology training – 18 months for step 3A and 36 months for step 3B (or)</li> <li>MD, DNB degree holders (or)</li> <li>DMRD + one year of senior resident training post in Radiology (or)</li> <li>DMRD only + 3 years of consultant experience</li> </ul>	<b>Step 3A:</b> A1: Essential Radiology reporting (plain Radiographs / Normal / abnormal / Emergency imaging) (computer based)	50 cases	60 minutes	50
		A2: Long cases writing (computer based)	100 cases	110 minutes	50
		Section 2:			
		<b>3B- Case discussion / Viva/ OSCE</b>	Total 4 stations: 3 Viva stations - Each station two sub-specialty sessions 1 OSCE – ultrasound and Intervention	Each station 30 minute  Total 2 hours	0-10 grade for each station

For DMRE candidate who is an IRIA member, wishing to take MICR, all steps, they need to contact us to confirm the eligibility and Medical council / NMC practice registrations in India before applying for any of the steps.

**Changes from 2024:** *The 2B component will be combined with Step 3 – as single exam (and will be called step3A/3B) – having four components A1; Essential Radiology reporting A2: long cases reporting (both components to have the similar format and to be conducted in designated centre and computer based); B1: Viva and B2: Osce (both components similar to current Step 3) both A & B components will be conducted on separate days within the same week or weekends.*

*All components (A1, A2, B1, B2) to be cleared by the candidate at the same time to clear the entire Step 3. The existing candidates who have failed Step 2B, hereafter will have to take Step 3A or 3A&B together. When taken together all component should be passed to obtain MICR; if the candidate fail in 3B and pass in 3A – only 3B can be attempted in next sitting; if the candidate pass in 3B but fail in 3A – candidate has to take both components (3A and 3B again) separately in that sequence (3A first, pass it and then 3B)*

#### **10. Does ICRI or IRIA provide any teaching / training sessions in Radiology & Imaging?**

- ICRI, the academic wing of IRIA, provide **the AWARD WINNING (WORLD BOOK OF RECORDS AND AND INDIA BOOK OF RECORDS)** every DAY teaching session from 7 pm to 9pm IST for all weekdays and day long teaching programs in weekends.
- This has started in 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2021 and cover the curriculum indented for the Radiology residents till 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2022. This program will continue with updated format in 2022 beginning from 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2022. IRIA membership is essential for subscription.
- Workshops, Quiz, Panel discussions, ‘How to’ sessions, lectures, MCQ testing, exam oriented sessions, revision classes – all has been and being held as part of various events by ICRI; joint sessions with BIR, RCR, KCR associations, Subspecialty associations, US/UK /Australian /Gulf Radiologists has also been held.
- The entire session 16 hours per week for 365 days a year – costs Rs 2000 only, for the year 2023. More than 2000 Radiologists and students benefited by registering for this session.
- The outline of the teaching sessions are : Monday – Radiological anatomy /Techniques/ Emergency Radiology; Tuesday – Physics, Wednesday – Chest/Onco; Thursday – MSK/Women’s; Friday – Head/Neck, Cardiac, Neuro; Saturday – Abdomen/Breast/IR; Sunday – FORA & intersociety meetings – National/International, Special focus sessions, workshops, Foetal imaging, Case based review / Mock exams / spotters (for all exam going students)
- Some of the teaching sessions include preparations for national and international exams - MD, DNB, DMRD, EDiR, FRCR, MICR etc.
- In 2024 – the teaching sessions will be more streamlined to deliver the curriculum for every Radiology student and practicing Radiologists and help preparation for the success in national and international exams including MICR –starts from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024.
- **Please join the biggest teaching program of Radiology in the WORLD:**  
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