The latest CSA examination, the largest to date in terms of both duration and candidate numbers, was sat by 2217 GP specialty trainees between 30 January and 12 March 2014.

1771 candidates were successful resulting in an overall pass rate of 79.9% with comparable figures for examinations in February 2013 and February 2012 examinations being 74.9% and 71.8% respectively.

2015 (90.9%) candidates were sitting the examination for the first time with the pass rate for this particular group being 83.3%. Comparative pass rates for first time applicants in February 2013 and February 2012 were 78.6% and 74.0% respectively.

The mean score for the entire cohort was 83 out of 117 with the highest score achieved being 111 marks. 145 candidates (6.5% of the entire cohort) scored 100 marks or more on this occasion and all were making a first application.

The lowest score achieved was 36 marks.