The January /February/March 2013 CSA examination, the largest to date in terms of both candidate numbers and duration, was sat by 2199 GP specialty trainees between 30 January and 9 March.

1648 candidates were successful resulting in an overall pass rate of 74.9% with comparable figures for examinations in February 2012 and February 2011 examinations being 71.8% and 75.2% respectively.

1940 (88.2%) candidates were sitting the examination for the first time with the pass rate for this particular group being 78.6%. Comparative pass rates for examinations in February 2012 and February 2011 were 74.0% and 79.8% respectively.

The mean score for the entire cohort was 82 out of 117, one mark more than that recorded in the February 2012 examination, with the highest score achieved being 110 marks. 109 candidates (5% of the entire cohort) scored 100 marks or more on this occasion and all were making a first application.

The minimum score achieved was just 34 marks. 50 candidates (2%) scored 20 or more marks below the passing mark for the day on which they sat the examination; 44 of this group were sitting for the first time.