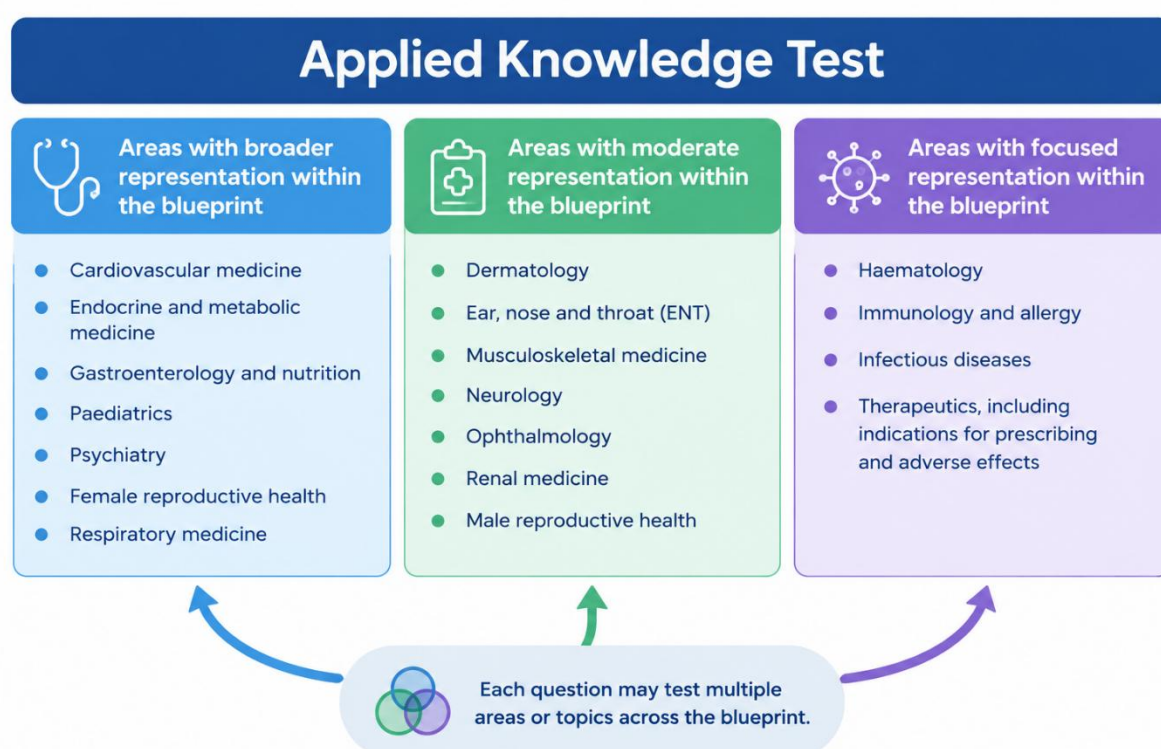


MRCGP Applied Knowledge Test (AKT) Blueprint

The MRCGP Applied Knowledge Test (AKT) is blueprinted to the RCGP GP Curriculum, ensuring that the application of knowledge assessed reflects the breadth and scope of contemporary UK general practice. The blueprint is designed to sample widely across the curriculum.

The AKT consists of 160 questions; 80% of the examination assesses clinical medicine, 10% assesses organisation, management and administration, and 10% assesses evidence-based practice and data interpretation. These proportions remain consistent across examinations. Although the specific questions included within each topic area will vary, the same standard across different examinations is maintained. For further information about how the standard is maintained, please see the information on the RCGP AKT website [AKT Standard setting and maintenance FAQs 2025](#).

The clinical medicine component reflects the broad range of conditions and presentations encountered in day-to-day UK general practice. To ensure appropriate coverage of the curriculum, the blueprint samples clinical areas with differing levels of representation.



These categories reflect the relative representation of clinical areas within the blueprint rather than the number of questions that will appear in any individual examination. As in everyday general practice, patient presentations rarely fit neatly

into a single specialty. Consequently, individual AKT questions may assess the application of knowledge across multiple curriculum areas or topics, requiring candidates to integrate clinical knowledge, apply evidence appropriately, and consider organisational or professional aspects of patient care where relevant. For example, although therapeutics specifically may be a focussed area, there is evidence that this will be tested throughout the applied clinical knowledge in approximately one third of the paper.

The organisation, management and administration component assesses the application of knowledge that supports the safe, effective and professional delivery of general practice.

The evidence-based practice and data interpretation component assesses candidates' ability to interpret research evidence, statistics and clinical data, and to apply these appropriately in clinical decision making.

Questions throughout the AKT are based on realistic scenarios and decisions encountered in day-to-day general practice. The examination is designed to assess the application of knowledge required for safe and effective independent practice as a GP, rather than the recall of isolated facts.

Candidates are encouraged to use the RCGP GP Curriculum as the primary guide to preparation. The AKT is intended to reflect the breadth, complexity and variety of modern UK general practice and the knowledge expected of a newly qualified GP.