Q1. Does the CV score still contribute to the combined score?
No. Applicants must meet a minimum score of 6 on the CV to be eligible for an invitation to interview. Interview invitations are then extended based on referee score. The CV score no longer forms part of the score on which interview invitations are based.

Q2. How many points will I be awarded for particular activities on my CV?
You can find the weighting of points for each section of the CV detailed in the Regulations. If you have an activity or achievement that meets the criteria outlined in the regulations you should include it in your application for assessment.

Q3. I have completed a Master’s degree, how will I know if it is eligible for points?
Each Master’s degree that is included on an application for Selection will be assessed at the time on its relevance to orthopaedic surgery. Master’s degrees will be accepted both by coursework and by research, provided they are relevant to the practice of orthopaedic surgery. It is recommended that applicants undertake a Master’s degree only if they wish to do so for professional reasons and not purely for the purposes of selection.

Q4. I am undertaking the GSSE in February 2021, which means that I will not have my results in time for the date that applications open (24 February 2021). Can I still apply for the 2022 intake?
A pass in the February 2021 sitting of the GSSE will be accepted for the 2022 intake. This is due to the cancellation of the June 2020 GSSE sitting and is applicable for the 2022 intake only. Applicants planning to apply for future intakes should take advantage of opportunities to sit the GSSE during the year prior to application.

Q5. Which Radiation Safety Courses will be recognised by AOA?
The only requirement for the Radiation Safety Course is that the course is licensed by the appropriate state licensing body (e.g. the Environment Protection Authority). Your hospital should be able to advise you on the courses available in your area. There is no currency requirement with regard to when the course is completed.

Q6. I have completed research that is currently pending publication. Can I include this under Research Publication on my CV?
Only research that has been published may be counted on the CV. Pending publications will not be accepted.

Q7. I have been acknowledged and/or listed as a collaborator on a research publication, but am not a listed author. Can I include this publication under Research Publication on my CV?
Only research where an applicant is an officially listed author may be counted on the CV. Publications where an applicant is only acknowledged and/or listed as a collaborator will not be eligible for points.

Q8. The research impact factors have changed since my research was published. Can I claim my research under the impact factors that applied when it was originally published?
Research publications will be measured according to the current impact factors, unless an applicant can provide evidence of the impact factor that applied to their research when it was originally published, in which case AOA will accept the research under the impact factor that applied at the date of original publication.

Q9. I completed my undergraduate medical training overseas. How can I join the AOA 21 Training program?
If you are a graduate of an overseas medical school seeking entry to the AOA 21 Training Program, you will need to contact the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) in the first instance. Frequently asked questions relating to International Medical Graduates (IMGs) and the selection process can be found on the RACS website: http://www.surgeons.org/becoming-a-surgeon/international-medical-graduates.

Please note that you must be an Australian citizen or have permanent resident status in Australia for the full duration of the program, and hold unconditional registration as a medical practitioner in Australia.

Q10. How many regions can I preference on my application?
Applicants are asked to nominate a first and second regional preference. Applicants will only be considered for interviews and offers in the regions preferred on their application.

Q11. How many attempts at selection can I make?
All applicants will be allowed a maximum of three attempts at selection to the AOA 21 Training Program. For applicants with previous attempts prior to the 2020 intake, an application to the 2020 intake was counted as the first of three attempts. A submitted application, accompanied by payment of the relevant fee, is counted as an attempt, regardless of whether the applicant progresses to the interview stage.

Q12. My question is not listed here. Who can I contact?
Applicants requiring further information about AOA applications must submit their enquiry to selection@aoa.org.au. Once the enquiry is received, an AOA staff member will contact the applicant as soon as possible to provide further appropriate information.

Phone enquiries will not be accepted.