

Key Skills Descriptors for
Discussion section
(NOT evidence items)

Descriptors & Grade				
1 Resubmit with Special comment	2 Resubmit	3 Bare Pass	4 Pass	5 Good Pass
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Very poor discussion and reflection</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Discussion and reflection on the Key Skill inadequate. Too many omissions</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reasonable quality of presentation, discussion and reflection on the Key Skills, but some significant omissions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Generally well presented discussion and reflection on the Key Skills</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Well presented discussion and reflection on the Key Skill</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Candidate should be encouraged to seek advice from a Divisional Faculty Tutor or other competent colleague before resubmission.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Poor presentation</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflection somewhat sparse 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Some omissions and areas for improvement which may be acknowledged</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Candidate shows thorough knowledge of regulations and implication to their own practice</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>.Examiners comments should be agreed and countersigned by the Chief/Deputy Chief Examiners</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Too many grammatical and typographic errors</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some significant grammatical and typographic errors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Some minor grammatical and typographic errors</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>No areas of improvement to be addressed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>suggestion of plagiarism – not convincing evidence that this is the candidates own work</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Significant number of items in candidates guide omitted</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several items in the candidates' guide not acknowledge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Some items in the candidates guide not discussed</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>No significant grammatical or typographic errors.</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Information sources acknowledged 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very little acknowledgement of information sources used 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most information sources required cited 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All items in the candidates guide discussed
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This level should be countersigned by Chief/Deputy Chief Examiners and examiners comments for candidates agreed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An associate or VDP does not fully acknowledge minor areas for improvement in their practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An associate or VDP may acknowledge minor areas for improvement in their practice but does not fully discuss or reflect the changes necessary. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comprehensive list of information sources cited
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> use of standard protocols with no evidence of application or adaptation to own clinical practice 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The candidate is an associate or VDP and recognised and thoroughly reflects on minor areas of improvement in the practice required over which they may have little direct control