



The Society of Apothecaries of London

Diploma in HIV Medicine (Dip HIV Med)

Administrative Guidance for Candidates

Admin Guide
March 2019/v33

EXAMINATION TIMETABLE 2019/2020

	September 2019 Examination	February 2020
Deadline for receipt of hard copy application form and fee in the Examinations Office	5pm Tuesday 18 June 2019 (see note 1 below) Application form now available.	5pm Wednesday 27 November 2020 (see note 1 below) N.B. The application forms will be uploaded after the September 2019 diet. (Fees for 2020 entry will be confirmed during late August 2019.)
Best of five written paper	Tuesday 10 September 2019	Wednesday 19 February 2020
OSCE (see para 2 below)	Thursday 19 September & Friday 20 September 2019	Wednesday 26 February & Thursday 27 February 2020

APPLICATIONS

1. To avoid disappointment, candidates are advised to apply for the examination well in advance of the closing date for entries, and to ensure that their application arrives in the Examinations Office by the deadline date and time. The deadline is the **final** date / time that a completed application can be considered for entry to the examination **but there is no guarantee that places will still be available at this date**. Please note that an application is only deemed complete when it includes all relevant paperwork and the full fee.
2. Although 2 OSCE dates are shown, the examination may be held on only one of the days stated.

WAITING LIST

3. The Society operates a waiting list system once all places for the examination have been filled. Candidates will be notified in writing as soon as a place becomes available, and given a short period in which to respond. Please note that should candidates not respond within this time, the place will be offered to the next person on the waiting list.

EXAMINATION FEE

4. The examination entry and re-entry fee for 2019 is £805. Candidates who withdraw from the examination after the closing date will trigger a forfeit fee as detailed below. The fee for the 2020 examination will be published in August 2019.

OSCE PREFERENCES

5. Candidates may express their preference for an OSCE session on the application form. Whilst we will endeavour to allocate you to one of your preferred sessions, indication of a preference does not guarantee a place for that session. The session allocated will be confirmed on the admission document, issued in hard copy after the application deadline.

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THE EXAMINATION

- The examination is mapped to the **Specialty Training Curriculum for Genitourinary Medicine 2016** issued by the Joint Royal College of Physicians Training Board.
- All equipment is provided, both for the written paper and the OSCE.

WITHDRAWING FROM THE EXAMINATION

- Candidates who wish to withdraw from the examination must notify the Society in writing. The following withdrawal penalties will be applied:

If the date of receipt of notification of withdrawal falls...	The penalty incurred will be...
Before the application deadline stated above	No penalty
In the 2 weeks after the application deadline	£110
Within 10 weeks of the start of the examination	£210
Within 2 weeks of the start of the examination	Full fee

SAMPLE QUESTIONS

- Sample Best of 5 and OSCE questions are available to download.

PAYMENTS

- Payments may be made via:

Direct transfer To use this method of payment you must send **your name, the examination** for which you are paying and **the date of the examination** by **email to the Exam Office**; asstreg@apothecaries.org

Sort Code: 18-00-02

Bank Account number: 05957192

IBAN: GB16COUT18000205957192

Swift/BIC Number: COUTGB22

Account name: The Worshipful Society of Apothecaries of London

Coutts & Co, 440 Strand, London, WC2R 0QS

The payment must be made identifiable by the inclusion of the diploma abbreviation and candidate's surname (e.g. DGUM Smith)

Cheque Made payable to '**The Society of Apothecaries**' in Sterling.
Please write your name, address and the diploma name on the back.

Candidates from overseas should ensure that their cheques yield the correct fee in Sterling AFTER deduction of bank charges. Only bankers' drafts drawn on a UK bank are accepted. Bankers' drafts should be valid for at least three months after the examination date.