



# The Society of Apothecaries of London

## Diploma in the Philosophy of Medicine (DPMSA)

### Administrative Guidance for Candidates

Admin Guide

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#### EXAMINATION TIMETABLE: 2019-2020

Owing to public health concerns relating to COVID-19, the date of the written paper is being rescheduled – A new date is yet to be confirmed but will not be before September. Applicants will be kept informed.

Please continue to adhere to the existing deadlines below, including submission of application forms, and dissertations. Submit everything via email to [examoffice@apothecaries.org](mailto:examoffice@apothecaries.org).

Due date for agreement of essay title	Thursday 21 November 2019
Due date for receipt in the Examinations Office of essay	5pm on Tuesday 21 January 2020
Date of agreement of dissertation title and submission of abstract (see Guide to DPMSA incorporating Regulations and Syllabus.)	5pm on Tuesday 17 March 2020
Closing date for receipt in the Examinations Office of completed application form and full payment ( <u>all</u> candidates). ( <b>please submit your completed application electronically please</b> )	5pm on Tuesday 21 April 2020
Due date for submission of completed dissertation ( <b>please submit a single electronic copy <u>ONLY</u></b> ) <b>*See important note below</b>	5pm on Tuesday 2 June 2020
Written papers	<del>Tuesday 16 June 2020</del> <b>New date to be advised.</b>

#### \*Important Note.

Dissertations not submitted by the due date will be deferred to the next examination and a re-entry fee will be payable.

#### EXAMINATION FEE

1. The examination entry fee for **all** applicants other than bursars is £840 (bank transfer or cheque). Those students who have been awarded a bursary by the Faculty should contact the Examinations Office for the relevant fee ([examoffice@apothecaries.org](mailto:examoffice@apothecaries.org)).
2. The re-entry fee for the whole exam is £840.  
The re-entry fee for the written paper only, is £280.  
The re-entry fee for the dissertation only, is £280.

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## WITHDRAWING FROM THE EXAMINATION

3. 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 -	
Before the application deadline stated on page 1.	No penalty
In the two weeks after the application deadline	£120
Within 6 weeks of the start of the examination	£225
Within 2 weeks of the start of the examination	Full fee

## PAST EXAMINATION PAPERS

4. A booklet of past examination papers is available at a cost of £15.

## PAYMENTS

5. Payments can be made via: -

**The Society's website:** <https://www.apothecaries.org/shop/>

**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;** [examoffice@apothecaries.org](mailto:examoffice@apothecaries.org)

**N.B.** The account to which the examination fee is payable is different from that for the course. You should therefore use the following details:

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. DPM 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/transfers yield the correct fee in Sterling AFTER deduction of bank charges. If submitting a bankers draft please note that we only accept drafts drawn on a UK bank. Bankers' drafts should be valid for at least three months after the examination date.

## ESSAY BRIEF

6. Until further notice, and in agreement with the course director, the essay brief remains as follows: -

### Either:

Describe a particular ethical challenge of your choice in medical practice. This can either be a specific anonymised case or a more general issue. Explore how moral reasoning may be used to analyse and guide action, principally using one of the three main moral theories of virtue ethics, deontology and utilitarianism, covering both the strengths and weaknesses of the use of such a theory.

### Or:

If there is a convincing reason why the above model is not suitable in your case an individual subject and title may be negotiated with Dr Papanikitas, but must include the practical application of basic moral theory in relation to healthcare.

***NB: Please note the dissertation component requires a different title and topic of exploration from that of the essay component.***

Please refer to the regulations in the Guide to the DPMSA Exam on the website for full details.  
<https://www.apothecaries.org/diploma-in-the-philosophy-of-medicine/>.