



The Society of Apothecaries of London

Diploma in Medical Jurisprudence (Pathology) (DMJ(Path))

Administrative Guidance for Candidates

Admin Guide

July 2020/v22

EXAMINATION TIMETABLE: 2020/2021

Deadline for receipt of list of proposed casebook cases electronically to: asstreg@apothecaries.org	5.00pm on Monday 13 July 2020
Deadline for receipt in the Examinations Office electronically to: asstreg@apothecaries.org of Application Form and fee and receipt of casebook	5.00pm on Monday 24 August 2020
Examination (written papers and autopsy) (over 2 days)	Monday 22 & Tuesday 23 February 2021

CANDIDATE NUMBERS

Please note that only a limited number of candidates can be accommodated per examination. Early application is therefore advised. Once places have been filled, subsequent applicants will be placed on a waiting list.

VENUE AND CONFIRMATION OF ADMISSION TO THE EXAMINATION

An admission document confirming admission to the examination and giving details of the venue will be sent *only* when the casebook has been marked and assessed as meeting the required standard (see also paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Guide to the Diploma).

EXAMINATION FEE

The fee for the examination will be £825. The full fee must be received by no later than the date specified in the Examination Timetable above for an application to be fully valid.

CASEBOOK

Information about the casebook requirements is given in The Guide to the Diploma in Medical Jurisprudence (Pathology) (DMJ (Path)), available to download.

WITHDRAWING FROM THE EXAMINATION

Candidates who wish to withdraw from the examination must notify the Society in writing. Withdrawal penalties are given below.

If the date of receipt of notification of withdrawal falls...	Penalty incurred will be...
Before the application deadline	No penalty
12-10 weeks before the start of the examination	£230
Within 2 weeks of the start of the examination	Full fee

PAYMENTS

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**; 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. DMJ 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 **3 months** after the examination date.

If neither of the methods given above is possible, please telephone the Examinations Office to discuss (+44 (0)20 7236 1180).

READING LIST

Textbooks

1. Knight's Forensic Pathology. Pekka Saukko and Bernard Knight, 3rd Edition, 2004, Arnold Publishing.
2. The Pathology of Trauma. Edited by J.K. Mason and B.N. Purdue, 3rd Edition, 2000, Arnold Publishing.
3. Karch's Pathology of Drug Abuse. Steven B. Karch, 5th Edition, 2012, CRC Press LLC.
4. The Forensic Pharmacology of Drugs of Abuse. Olaf H. Drummer, 2001, Arnold Publishing.
5. Forensic Neuropathology. Edited by Helen L. Whitwell, 2005, Arnold Publishing.
6. Practical Cardiovascular Pathology. Mary N. Sheppard, 2nd Edition, 2011, Arnold Publishing.
7. Gunshot Wounds: Practical Aspects of Firearms, Ballistics, and Forensic Techniques. Vincent J.M. Di Maio, 2nd Edition, 1998, CRC Press.
8. The Hospital Autopsy. Julian L Burton and Guy Ruty, 2010, Hodder Arnold Publishing.

Journals

The American Journal of Forensic Medicine and Pathology.

Journal of Forensic and Legal Medicine.

Medicine, Science and the Law.

Useful Web Sites

The Crown Prosecution Service	www.cps.gov.uk
The Home Office	www.homeoffice.gov.uk
The Human Tissue Authority	www.hta.gov.uk
The Royal College of Pathologists	www.rcpath.org
The Crown Office	www.crownoffice.gov.uk

Others

Coroners' Rules and Regulations as applicable to England and Wales. (Candidates should have some knowledge of coronial legislation as it applies to pathologists working in the United Kingdom.)

Code of practice and performance standards for forensic pathology in England, Wales and Northern Ireland (available to download at the Royal College of Pathologist's website).