



# The Society of Apothecaries of London

## Diploma in HIV Medicine (Dip HIV Med)

### Administrative Guidance for Candidates

Admin Guide

Nov 2020/v39

#### EXAMINATION TIMETABLE 2020/2021

|   | February 2021                         | September 2021                         |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| Deadline for receipt of Application Form and fee in the Examinations Office | Tuesday 17 November 2020              | Tuesday 22 June 2021                   |
| Best of Five Written Paper  | Tuesday 9 February 2021               | Tuesday 14 September 2021              |
| OSCE (see para 2 below)   | Thursday 18 & Friday 19 February 2021 | Thursday 23 & Friday 24 September 2021 |

#### 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

**The coronavirus pandemic has already forced us to cancel the diet of the Diploma in HIV Medicine that was planned for September 2020. Despite the ongoing restrictions associated with the pandemic, we will do all that we can to ensure that we hold an examination in February 2021, but the OSCE section of the exam will be modified to make it as safe as possible. Because of this, we will need to restrict candidate numbers.**

**A decision has therefore been made to set-aside our first-come-first-served approach in relation to entry to this exam, so that applications from current GU Specialty trainees where possible, will be given priority over non-GU trainees on this occasion alone.**

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. Fees for entry to the 2021 examinations will be £950.00. Candidates who withdraw from the examination after the closing date will trigger a forfeit fee as detailed below.

#### 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.

## 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:

| <b>If the date of receipt of notification of withdrawal falls...</b> | <b>The penalty incurred will be...</b> |
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| Before the application deadline stated above                         | No penalty                             |
| In the 2 weeks after the application deadline                        | £125                                   |
| Within 10 weeks of the start of the examination                      | £230                                   |
| 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:

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](mailto: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.