



The Society of Apothecaries of London

Diploma in Forensic Medical Sciences (DipFMS)

Administrative Guidance for Candidates

EXAMINATION TIMETABLE: 2020/21

Deadline for receipt in the Examinations Office of application form and full fee - see important note below regarding fee* (please submit your completed application and fee electronically only to examoffice@apothecaries.org)	5.00pm on Thursday 22 April 2021
Due date for submission of dissertations - this is the date by which the dissertations must have arrived electronically at Apothecaries' Hall. (please submit a single electronic copy ONLY to examoffice@apothecaries.org)	5.00pm on Thursday 27 May 2021
Written paper	Thursday 22 July 2021 (<i>revised date</i>)

EXAMINATION FEES

1. The examination entry fee is £800.
2. The re-entry fee for the whole exam is £800.
The re-entry fee for the written paper only, is £440.
The re-entry fee for the dissertation only, is £400.

***IMPORTANT NOTE.** An application is not complete without the due full fee. Candidates whose employers are paying for their examination entry, who might require an invoice from the Examinations Office to prompt a payment, should note that the full fee **must** have been paid by the application deadline – you are advised to plan well ahead accordingly.

WITHDRAWING FROM THE EXAMINATION

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

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	£125
Within 6 weeks of the start of the examination	£230
Within 2 weeks of the start of the examination	Full Fee

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PAST EXAMINATION PAPERS

4. A booklet of past examination papers is available from the Exam Office at a cost of £15.

PAYMENTS

5. Payments can be made via: -

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

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CURRENT DISSERTATION TOPIC

6. **Title:** The impact of the change in drug driving legislation in 2014 on the investigation of road traffic offences.

Guidance statement:

In 2014 the UK government brought in changes to the Road Traffic Act 1988 for drug-driving offences in England & Wales. Similar legislation was introduced in Scotland in 2019. These changes affected all parts of the process of prosecuting suspected drug drivers from roadside testing, to forensic toxicology analyses to the evidence presented in Court. Describe these changes and review what, if any, impact they have had on prosecutions of drug driving offences or other areas of forensic toxicology investigation.

For full details of the requirements for the format of the dissertation refer to the **Guide to the Diploma in Forensic Medical Sciences (DipFMS) incorporating the Regulations and Syllabus** (available at www.apothecaries.org).