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Notification of Change of Date: The Dip FMS Written Paper Examination 2021

Dear Dip FMS Candidate,

The Society is working hard to negotiate the provision of online examinations, which will involve much trialing, testing, and training before we can confidently offer this to candidates for any of the Society's exams. We are not yet in a position to offer an online alternative for your exam, so we need to plan ahead in the absence of this option.

The Dip FMS Written Paper examination scheduled for 17th June 2021 has been re-scheduled to **Thursday 22 July 2021**. Applicants will receive an Admission Document for this examination during mid-April.

This move has not been taken lightly in view of the delay to the Written Paper exam last year. However, we felt it prudent to offer advance notification of the new schedule for the exam, in light of recent government guidelines termed "the Roadmap" out of the pandemic. The timetable of the Roadmap makes it clear that delivering the exam as early as the scheduled June date will be problematic.

We note that even with the strictest adherence to the Covid response rules, that distancing and travel restrictions cannot be fully relaxed before 21 June. As such, the decision has been made to offer a wide window of a further 5 weeks between the published Written Paper exam date, and the new re-scheduled 22 July date. It is hoped that this will address any minor delays within the roll-out of the Roadmap, and help reduce the possibility of changes to the schedule at short notice.

The published deadline for the submission of dissertations will not change.

For candidates re-entering the exam to sit the written paper only, the result recorded for your dissertation submission has been carried forward and retained.

We ask for your understanding for the need to make this alteration to the exam schedule, and hope that no further amendment will be necessary.

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