



The Society of Apothecaries of London

Diploma in Genitourinary Medicine (Dip G-U Med)

Administrative Guidance for Candidates

Admin Guide

Aug21/v60b

Please only submit your application form and fee electronically.

EXAMINATION TIMETABLE 2021

	November/December 2021 examination
Deadline for receipt in the Examinations Office of your <u>electronic</u> application form and fee	5pm on Tuesday 31 August 2021 (see para 1 below). Send your completed application form to examoffice@apothecaries.org
Best of five written paper	Tuesday 23 November 2021
OSCE (see para 2 below)	Wednesday 1 and Thursday 2 December 2021

APPLICATIONS

- 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 complete electronic application (i.e. form and full fee – see also paragraph 4) 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.
- Although 2 OSCE dates are shown, the OSCE examination may be held on only one of the days stated.

WAITING LIST

- Owing to the uncertainties Covid-19 pandemic restrictions has recently posed, we are conscious that availability of candidate places may be more limited than usual. A decision has 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. Offers of secured entries remain in place for known candidates previously deferred.
The Society will operate a waiting list system if an exam becomes oversubscribed. 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

- The examination:

First time entry fee **£950 NET** Re-entry Best of Five exam fee **£380 NET** Re-entry OSCE exam fee **£570 NET**

*To re-enter for the WHOLE exam, you should make a full £950 payment by direct transfer (see banking details below), or select both the Bo5 AND OSCE re-entry options from our online Web shop, and complete Form R.

N.B. This is the amount payable to the Society; any transaction charges must borne by the candidate. Candidates who withdraw from the examination after the closing date will trigger a forfeit fee as detailed below.

OSCE PREFERENCES

- Candidates may express their preference for an OSCE session on the application form. Whilst we will endeavour to meet that preference, indication of a preference does not guarantee a place for that session. Sessions will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis and 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:

If the date of receipt of notification of withdrawal falls ...	the penalty incurred will be:		
	Full 1 st time entry	Re-entry Bo5	Re-entry OSCE
Before the application deadline stated on page 1.	No penalty	No penalty	No penalty
In the 2 weeks after the application deadline	£125	£50	£75
Within 10 weeks of the start of the examination	£230	£92	£138
Within 2 weeks of the start of the examination	Full fee	Full fee	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/>

Or

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**

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)

N.B. Candidates from overseas should ensure that their payments 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.

FUTURE EXAM DATES

Note: Upcoming administrative changes are taking place starting with the 2022 exam. You will see from below that the OSCE exam appears first in the schedule; with the Bo5 following approx. 6 to 8 weeks later. You will be able to apply for each component independently. Changes to any advance exam schedule will always be noted here as soon as finalised.

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The following exam dates are offered for the purpose of forward planning. Costs are reviewed annually. Applications for these dates will only become available after the immediately prior exam is concluded.

Advance exam dates:		
2022	OSCE: Tue 31 May and Wed 1 June 2022	Bo5: Mon 18 July 2022
2023	OSCE: Mon 5 and Tues 6 June 2023	Bo5: Wed 12 July 2023
2024	OSCE: Tues 28 & Wed 29 May 2024	Bo5: Thur 11 July 2024