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Society of Apothecaries  
and the History of  
Medicine Diploma

# Diploma in the History of Medicine of the Society of Apothecaries DHMSA

- Current format available for last time 2023
- Past papers available
- Candidates have 3 years to sit the examination (year 1 = end of year course taken)
- If wishing to sit after 2023 candidates will take new format
- New format not yet finalised but will include a dissertation as currently

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- Paper 1 – short answer questions covering entire syllabus all questions to be answered
- Paper 2 – essay questions, one related to interpretation of primary sources, one to demonstrate more depth of an area
- Test lecture – 15 minute presentation, more later
- Dissertation, more on next slide

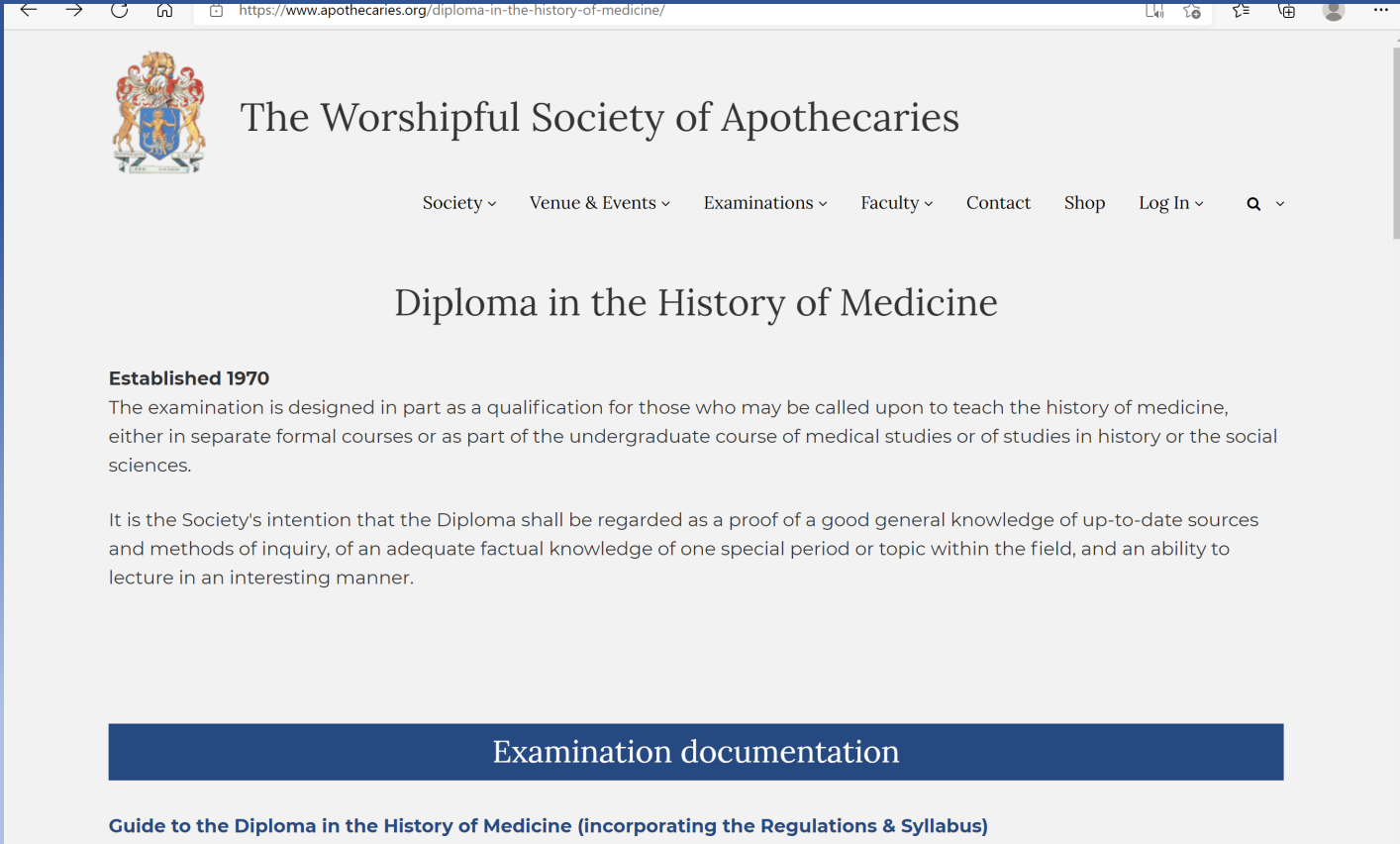
# Dissertation

- 5500 word essay (excludes footers/references etc)
- Topic of candidates choice
- To demonstrate use of primary sources
- Properly constructed with introduction, essay, conclusion
- 23 March 2023 Deadline for title & abstracts for dissertation & test lecture
- 18 April 2023 Deadline for submission of examination application form
- 26 May 2023 Deadline for submission of dissertations
  
- 13 June 2023 Written papers
- 30 June 2023 Test lectures
  
- Submission form on website
- Please ask for advice/feedback before submission

# Test Lecture

- Duration 15 minutes
- Topic different to dissertation
- Properly constructed with introduction, body of work and conclusion
- Application form will be on website
- Asks for title, intended audience and a brief abstract
- Can ask for advice/feedback before submission

# Information: www.apothecaries.org



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://www.apothecaries.org/diploma-in-the-history-of-medicine/>. The page features the logo of The Worshipful Society of Apothecaries, which is a crest with a shield, a crown, and two figures. The main heading is "The Worshipful Society of Apothecaries". Below this is a navigation menu with links: "Society", "Venue & Events", "Examinations", "Faculty", "Contact", "Shop", "Log In", and a search icon. The main content area is titled "Diploma in the History of Medicine". Underneath, it states "Established 1970" and provides a description of the examination. A dark blue button labeled "Examination documentation" is prominently displayed. At the bottom, there is a link to the "Guide to the Diploma in the History of Medicine (incorporating the Regulations & Syllabus)".

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## Diploma in the History of Medicine

**Established 1970**

The examination is designed in part as a qualification for those who may be called upon to teach the history of medicine, either in separate formal courses or as part of the undergraduate course of medical studies or of studies in history or the social sciences.

It is the Society's intention that the Diploma shall be regarded as a proof of a good general knowledge of up-to-date sources and methods of inquiry, of an adequate factual knowledge of one special period or topic within the field, and an ability to lecture in an interesting manner.

[Examination documentation](#)

[Guide to the Diploma in the History of Medicine \(incorporating the Regulations & Syllabus\)](#)

# Useful Information

- Help and information regarding examination
- Mrs Jenny Pritchard – assistant to the academic head  
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- Liz Harriman – Head of the Academic Department

