



The Society of Apothecaries of London

Diploma in the Philosophy of Medicine (DPMSA)

Administrative Guidance for Candidates

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EXAMINATION TIMETABLE: 2022-2023

Please submit your application forms and payment electronically only.

Due date for agreement of essay title (Please refer to 6a or 6b)	Thursday 8 December 2022
The due date for receipt in the Examinations Office of essay. NOTE: You will not need a candidate number prior to submission of this essay. Please submit your essay electronically in Word™ format to academicadmin@apothecaries.org – A candidate number will be assigned once received and recorded by the Exam Office, and you will be informed by return. Your candidate number will be used to anonymise your essay during marking.	5pm on Tuesday 17 January 2023
Date of agreement of dissertation title and submission of abstract (see Guide to DPMSA incorporating Regulations and Syllabus.)	5pm on Tuesday 14 March 2023
Closing date for receipt in the Examinations Office of completed application form and full payment (all candidates). Please submit completed applications electronically only.	5pm on Friday 21 April 2023 to academicadmin@apothecaries.org
Due date for submission of completed dissertation Please submit a single electronic copy ONLY. Do NOT send hard copies. *See important note below	5pm on Tuesday 6 June 2023 to academicadmin@apothecaries.org
Written papers (Open Book format)	From 10:00am Saturday 17 June 2023 to 10:00am Wednesday 21 June 2023

*Important Note.

Dissertations not submitted by the due date will be deferred to the next examination and a re-entry fee will be payable.

EXAMINATION FEE

1. The examination entry fee for **all** applicants other than bursars is £930 (bank transfer or cheque). Those students who have been awarded a bursary by the Faculty should contact the Examinations Office for the relevant fee (academicadmin@apothecaries.org).
2. The re-entry fee for the whole exam is £930.
The re-entry fee for the written paper only, is £315.
The re-entry fee for the dissertation only, is £315.

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WITHDRAWING FROM THE EXAMINATION

3. 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 -	
Before the application deadline stated on page 1.	No penalty
In the two weeks after the application deadline	£140
Within 6 weeks of the start of the examination	£255
Within 2 weeks of the start of the examination	Full fee

PAST EXAMINATION PAPERS

4. A booklet of past examination papers is available at a cost of £17.50. Please visit [HTTPS://WWW.APOTHECARIES.ORG/PRODUCT/PAST-PAPERS/](https://www.apothecaries.org/product/past-papers/)

PAYMENTS

5. Payments can be made via: -

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

Candidates from overseas should ensure that their money transfers yield the correct fee in Sterling AFTER deduction of bank charges.

ESSAY BRIEF

6. Until further notice, and in agreement with the course director, the essay brief remains as follows: -

Either:

- a. Describe a particular ethical challenge of your choice in medical practice. This can either be a specific anonymised case or a more general issue. Explore how moral reasoning may be used to analyse and guide action, principally using one of the three main moral theories of virtue ethics, deontology and utilitarianism, covering both the strengths and weaknesses of the use of such a theory.

Or:

- b. If there is a convincing reason why the above model is not suitable in your case, an individual subject and title may be negotiated with Dr Papanikitas, but must include the practical application of basic moral theory in relation to healthcare.

NB: Please note the dissertation component requires a different title and topic of exploration from that of the essay component.

Please refer to the regulations in the Guide to the DPMSA Exam on the website for full details. <https://www.apothecaries.org/diploma-in-the-philosophy-of-medicine/>.