



# The Society of Apothecaries of London

## Diploma in the Philosophy of Medicine (DPMSA)

### Administrative Guidance for Candidates

#### EXAMINATION TIMETABLE: 2023-2024

Please submit your application forms and payment electronically only.

Closing date for application form and full payment ( <b>all</b> candidates). <b>Note: once payment is made, you will be directed to the BrightSpace learning platform to complete your application form.</b>	23.59pm Monday 15 April 2024
The due date for submission of Abstract for dissertation & Short essay (see Guide to DPMSA incorporating Regulations and Syllabus) <b>NOTE: You will not need a candidate number prior to submission of this essay.</b> Please submit your dissertation abstract and short essay electronically in Word™ format on the <b>BrightSpace Learning Platform</b> . Your candidate number will be used to anonymise your essay during marking.	23.59pm Monday 15 April 2024
The Oral Assessment	11 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
Due date for submission of completed dissertation <b>Please submit two copies using the BrightSpace learning platform. Do NOT send hard copies.</b> <b>*See important note below</b>	23.59pm 24 June 2024

#### \*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. Those students who have been awarded a bursary by the Faculty should contact the Academic Department for the relevant fee ([academicadmin@apothecaries.org](mailto:academicadmin@apothecaries.org)).
2. The examination entry fee is £930.

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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-	The penalty incurred will be...
2 weeks after the application deadline and 12 weeks before the examination (10% of full fee)	£93
6-12 weeks before the examination (20% of full fee)	£186
2 weeks or less before 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://CATALOGUE.APOTHECARIES.ORG/PRODUCT?CATALOG=PAST\\_PAPERS](https://CATALOGUE.APOTHECARIES.ORG/PRODUCT?CATALOG=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 & DISSERTATION BRIEF

### 6. Essay

- a. An ethical analysis paper, based around a scenario in the literature, hypothetical case, ethical issue in medicine or philosophical topic of relevance to healthcare, formatted for submission to the BJGP; guidelines or the same as for a number of journals as an editorial or analysis (max 1200 words, 12 references, deadline April 15th) <https://bjgp.org/authors/writing-bjgp-other-sections>

### Dissertation

- b. A longer dissertation on a different topic formatted as a long essay for the Journal of Medical Ethics original research/student essay (max 3500 words) [https://jme.bmj.com/pages/authors#student\\_essay](https://jme.bmj.com/pages/authors#student_essay) (with the stipulation that the dissertation must use philosophical methodology).

#### **b.1 Abstract**

250 word abstracts will be encouraged by the end of the first working week in January so that potential Selwyn lecturers can be vetted and all candidates advised on the feasibility of and useful resources for their project. The proposed deadline is mid-June, word count max 3500)

<https://www.apothecaries.org/diploma-in-the-philosophy-of-medicine/>.

## **Oral Assessment/Presentation**

Presentation of argument examination (15 minutes and 5 minutes for questions) to take place date published in on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May. This also includes those candidates who are not attending the course, who will be an invited audience of the day along with Worshipful Society Apothecaries London Philosophy Fellows.

***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.**