



# Administrative Guidance for Candidates 2026

## The Diploma in Genitourinary Medicine (Dip G-U Med)

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### Timetable/Deadlines

Event	Deadline
<b><u>For first time entry, candidates are required to sit both the Bo5 and OSCE;</u></b>  Deadline for receipt of application and fee for <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bo5 &amp; OSCE (<b>First time &amp; Re-sit</b>)</li><li>• Bo5 only (<b>re-sit only</b>)</li><li>• OSCE (<b>re-sit only</b>)</li></ul>	Tuesday 24 March 2026
Best of Five (Bo5) Written Paper (Online)	<b>Tuesday 19 May 2026</b>
OSCE exam date (see para 2 below)	<b>Tuesday 16 &amp; Wednesday 17 June 2026</b>

### Application Notes

Our aim is to approve all applications received. 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 application is complete by the published deadline.

Should applications outnumber available spaces, a waiting list will be implemented and you will be notified if we are able to offer you a place. Candidates on the waiting list will be notified as soon as a place becomes available, and given a short period in which to respond. If candidates do not respond within this time, the place will be offered to the next person on the waiting list.

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**. Candidates who have extenuating circumstances which do not meet the above criteria will be considered individually by the Executive Director.

To submit an application, please go to the Shop >Centre for Health Studies Shop available from our website, click into the examinations area, choose the exam and select the entry you require. On checkout, you will be asked to create an account and finish payment. **You will then be directed to our online platform Brightspace to complete and submit your application form. Please note, only fully completed applications will be considered.**

Candidates whose employers are paying for their examination entry, and who therefore need an invoice from the Examinations Office to prompt the payment, should note that the fee must have been paid by the application deadline, and should plan well ahead accordingly.



## **The Examination**

The examination is mapped to the **Specialty Training Curriculum 2022 for Genitourinary Medicine** issued by the Joint Royal College of Physicians Training Board.

All equipment is provided, both for the **Bo5 Written Paper** and the **OSCE**.

*The Bo5 exam appears first in the schedule; with the OSCE following approx. 4 weeks later.*

### **OSCE**

The OSCE session allocated will be confirmed on the admission document, issued via email after the application deadline.

## **Examination Fee**

The above fees relate to first time or re-entry fees.

Candidates who withdraw from the examination after the closing date will trigger a forfeit fee as detailed below.

## Payments

Payments can be made [here](#).

Candidates who are unable to pay via the website should contact [academicmanager@apotheccaries.org](mailto:academicmanager@apotheccaries.org)

## **Withdrawing or Deferring from the Examination**

Candidates wishing to withdraw or defer from the examination must notify the Examinations Office as soon as possible. The following withdrawal and deferral charges are applicable:

Timing of Application to Withdraw or Defer	Possible Refund (subject to approval)
Requests to withdraw or defer before the closing date for application	No fee.
Requests to withdraw or defer after the application closing date and 30 working days (6 weeks) before the examination.	Candidates withdrawing or deferring from an examination after the closing date and up to 6 weeks before the examination will normally be charged 25% of the fee.
Requests to withdraw or defer after the application closing date and 15 working days (3 weeks) before the examination.	Candidates withdrawing or deferring from an examination after the closing date and up to 3 weeks before the examination will normally be charged 50% of the fee.
Requests to withdraw or defer less than 15 working days (3 weeks) of the examination.	<p>A refund will not normally be made to candidates withdrawing or deferring within 15 days of the examination.</p> <p>However, extenuating circumstance submitted with supporting evidence may be considered and subject to approval by the Executive Director for the Centre for Health Studies.</p>

## Sample Questions

Sample Best of 5 and OSCE questions are available to download from [here](#) (scroll to the bottom of the page).