

THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND COLLEGE OF VETERINARY SCIENTISTS



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MEMORANDUM

To: Intention to sit 2021 applicants

From: Dr Carolyn Guy, Chief Examiner

Subject: 2021 membership examinations

The Board of Examiners (BoE) write to confirm the College will open enrolments for 2021 Membership examination subjects from October 1st 2020. This will include subjects offered annually and biennial subjects due in 2021. Please refer to the College website for the list of subject being offered in 2021: <https://www.anzcvs.org.au/membership/membership-subjects-2021-and-2022/>

Enrolments will close on November 30th 2020, no further enrolments will be accepted after that date.

There has been extensive discussion and contingency planning regarding the evolving COVID pandemic, and forward thinking of mechanisms for the College's delivery of examinations in the short and longer term.

Considerations from the Board for delivering the 2021 examinations in a COVID safe manner include:

- Decentralised examination venues for some or all components of the examinations
- Condensed examination timeframe, i.e. oral examinations closer to the written papers
- The examination period might be extended with different subjects not necessarily run concurrently
- Online examination delivery (written, practical and oral exam components are all being considered, with the feasibility of each examination component evaluated separately).
- Restructuring of examination delivery to accommodate electronic and/or remote delivery; any changes will be communicated to you if this occurs at the earliest opportunity with a final decision by February 28th, 2021. Exam structure change would not mean a change to subject learning outcomes, and changes to subject outlines are not anticipated.

Please note:

- International candidates may need to present for their oral examination outside traditional examination hours in their country.
- Enrolled candidates will be required to adhere to any policy/procedure being developed for any proposed components of regional and/or online delivery
- 25% of your examination fee is non-refundable in the event of you withdrawing from your examination up to the day before the College's written examinations commence. The availability of withdrawal with 75% refund of your membership fee has been extended by College Council while COVID-19 continues declared as a global pandemic.
- Your entire fee will be forfeited if you withdraw the day College written examinations commence. *(However, please note below for extenuating circumstances incase of illness or critical personal circumstance at examination time.)*
- During the delivery of the 2021 College examinations, in the event a candidate experiences a serious medical or critical personal circumstance, a candidate should apply for deferral under the [Extenuating Circumstances policy](#).

We will prioritise delivery of exams in a manner consistent with Subject Guidelines with prompt communication, as it become available, about intended implementation and logistics. We expect the dates of all components of the Membership examinations in 2021 to still be offered in the June/July period. (Proposed August UK Medicine of Cats oral examinations yet to confirm this time frame.)

Our considerations for COVID-safe delivery of Fellowship in 2020 and all 2021 examinations have addressed many scenarios relating to current challenges and those that may be presented next year. The safety of candidates, examiners and all involved, and upholding the rigour and integrity of our Examination processes, have been forefront in all planning.

We acknowledge that finalising the delivery of the 2021 examinations is still a work in progress and we appreciate your patience as we develop plans. The BoE would again like to express their thanks for your continued commitment toward joining the College through examination.

If you wish to enrol for your subject examination please complete the attached payment form and forward back to the College office, before November 30th, 2020.

As always if you require additional information, please contact the Examinations Team at the College office: examinations@anzcvs.org.au