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MEMORANDUM

To: Fellowship candidate

From: Dr Carolyn Guy, Chief Examiner and Dr Peter Bennett, Chief Examiner elect

Subject: 2021 fellowship examinations

The Board of Examiners (BoE) write to confirm College examinations will proceed in 2021.

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
- 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 fellowship examinations in 2021 to still be offered in the June/July period.

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 through your fellowship training onto fellowship examinations.

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