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MEMORANDUM

From: Dr Peter Bennett, Chief Examiner

Subject: 2022 Examination Delivery

The Board of Examiners (BoE) write to confirm the implementation and process for the College's 2022 examination delivery.

Thank you for your patience, consideration and constructive comments during the changes implemented to navigate examination delivery born of necessity through this current pandemic. Encouraged by the success of the 2021 membership examination delivery; below is the implementation and process for the 2022 College examinations, which have been approved by Council.

What you should be aware of before enrolling

The differences for the 2022 examination delivery compared to previous years are:

- The written examinations are likely to be provided through an online examination system.
- You will need to bring your own laptop to the examination venue for the written examinations, these cannot be performed on tablets/ipads or phones.
- The written examinations will be held before the College's Scientific Conference and the practical and oral examination will be held after the conference.

The dates for the Membership examinations are:

June 2022:

Tuesday 7th – Written paper one and two

Either Wednesday 8th or Thursday 9th – Practical examination component

July 2022:

Saturday 9th – Monday 11th – Oral examination component for all subjects, except
Medicine of Cats UK

Saturday 16th – Sunday 17th – Medicine of Cats UK oral examination component

The following is a brief outline of proposed delivery:

- Written examination papers:
 - Candidate attendance at allocated invigilated venues in their home state
 - Two papers sat on the same day, as is normal
- All practical examinations will be conducted at state capital venues only

- Oral examinations: delivery by Zoom examination, candidates, observers and examiners will remain in their home or office (or at a suitable location meeting the College's requirements for information and internet security).
 - Medicine of Cats UK to be held in UK time zone
 - College office staff will work from Australia to welcome candidates into Zoom waiting rooms and complete pre-examination checks, before handing candidate over to examination room observer and examiners.
 - Candidates' identity will be validated by College representatives on entry to the Zoom environment.
 - Candidates will be required to provide College staff with a visual 'sweep' of their examination environment to demonstrate they have a suitable location, free from textbooks or other inappropriate information sources.
 - All Zoom meetings will be recorded by the College to allow review by the office staff, Head Subject Examiner (HSE), Chief Examiner (CE) or Assistant Chief Examiners (ACEs) if concerns are raised by observers or examiners. If suspicious behaviour is noted, the observer or examiner will note the time at which this occurred to expedite review.
 - Candidates will not be permitted to record their examination in any way.
 - If a significant concern is noted, the candidate will be asked to repeat the room sweep immediately.
 - Identified attempts to use external materials or assistance during the examination will lead the candidate's oral examination to be recorded as a fail (consistent with current College policies).
 - We encourage candidates to practice Zoom examinations in readiness for their oral examination delivery.

Further information includes:

- If your subject has a practical component we cannot yet confirm if it will be delivered through online assessment as we have yet to consult with all Chapters.
- International candidates (excluding Medicine of Cats UK) may need to present for their oral examination outside traditional examination hours in their country.
- Enrolled candidates will be required to adhere to all relevant policies and procedures, including those being developed in support of regional and/or online delivery.

We have carefully considered the plan to deliver the 2022 examinations safely, as we did in 2020 and 2021; discussing scenarios to ensure the safety of candidates, examiners and all involved; along with upholding the rigor and integrity of our examination processes; as best we can without knowing what obstacles may unfold next year during this continuing pandemic.

We acknowledge that specific aspects of finalising the delivery of the 2022 examinations are still a work in progress, and we appreciate your patience and support as we progress through the intricacies of the coming year's examination delivery.

All updates including specific details for each level of proposed examination delivery of Membership and Fellowship examination components will be made available in links to memos on the College [website](#).

All candidates will be informed that if a regional lockdown restriction prohibits examination attendance, affected candidate(s) will be required to defer to the next subject offering without penalty. All subject examinations will continue in other unaffected regions.

The release date for examination results is to be confirmed, however is expected to be Wednesday 27th July, 2022.

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