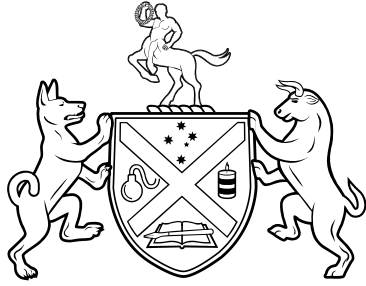


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MEMORANDUM

To: Membership Candidates
From: Chief Examiner, Peter Bennett
Subject: COVID-19 Examinations Update

As you are all aware, the examinations are fast approaching, and on behalf of the Board and College, I wish you well in your final preparations and the examinations.

Unfortunately, the situation in Victoria with the pandemic is becoming uncertain with the recent notification of community cases in Melbourne.

Until we know if there will be a lockdown and the restrictions that are in place, we do not know if it will affect your examinations. The venues that have been organised for all the examination components could raise their own requirements in addition to any mandated by the government. The College is closely monitoring the situation. Restrictions that were put into effect on the 25/5/21 currently do not affect our ability to run the examinations as planned.

While it is the intent of the College and the Board for the 2021 Membership examinations to proceed if the situation changes in Melbourne or any other city, the Board and College office will review the impact on candidates ability to attend the examination venues. This will have an impact on the written examinations and practicals. If there is a hard lockdown, candidates affected might not be able to sit in 2021, a situation beyond the control of the College. It would not be possible to rearrange venues or dates to accommodate candidates who are affected. As the oral examinations are being run remotely, if the written/practical examinations proceed, these would not be affected and can proceed; however, if written examinations are unable to proceed, orals examinations will not be conducted for those candidates.

As stated in our February 2021 update, If regional lockdown restrictions prohibit candidate attendance, affected candidate(s) will be required to defer to 2022 without penalty.

All subject examinations will continue in other unaffected regions. You are required to adhere to the requirement of the Victorian, or other relevant, Health Department advice. In Victoria, if you have attended a Tier 1 site, you will not be able to attend an examination venue as self-isolation is required. If you have attended a Tier 2 site, you would be able to attend if you have a negative COVID-19 test result. Similar requirements are in place if you have been in Melbourne and returned to your home state. These sites are listed and updated at: <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/exposure-sites>.

We cannot remove uncertainty in these times, but we will do all we can for the examination and the timetable to proceed as planned. As the situation evolves and we know the situation, we will advise you of any changes.

The College is updating a COVID-19 page on the website, which includes all circulated information and a list of frequently asked questions.

<https://www.anzcvs.org.au/covid-19-update>