



The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists®

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Dear Radiation Oncology Phase 2 Trainee

I am writing to provide further information regarding the Radiation Oncology Phase 2 examinations for 2020 and 2021.

As I have previously advised in July, the second series of Phase 2 examinations in 2020 were delayed and the format modified to take account of public health requirements and restrictions on travel.

The upcoming Series 2 Phase 2 examinations have seen an increased number of candidates sitting. In addition, there have been significant change in work processes associated with the College's remote working arrangements for 2020, as well as the December/January office closures. Due to all these factors and whilst every effort has been made to support the examination marking process, it is now apparent that the examination results will not be available to candidates until the end of January 2021.

Key takeaway: The Phase 2 examination results will not be available until end of January 2021.

Following on from this, there is consequently insufficient time and examiner availability between the delayed second series of the Phase 2 exams in 2020 and the first series of the Phase 2 2021 exams (normally held in February/March) to be fully prepared to meet the appropriate examination standard.

The Faculty of Radiation Oncology Council has agreed to support the Radiation Oncology Education and Training Committee's (ROETC) recommendation that there be only one Phase 2 examination sitting in 2021, in either May (written)/July (Viva), or June (written)/August (Viva), which is yet to be confirmed.

Key takeaway: There will be only one Phase 2 examination series in 2021, in either May/July or June/August which will be confirmed before the end of the year.

There are no suggested changes to the Phase 1 examinations, which would continue to be held in September 2021.

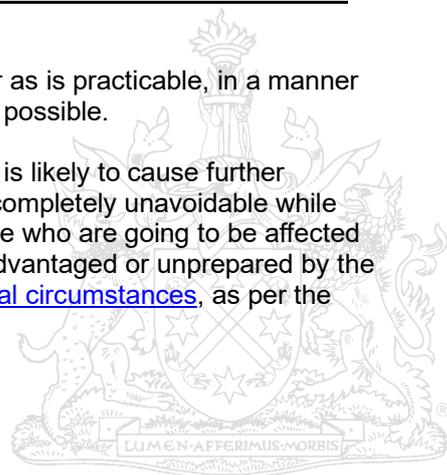
Key takeaway: There will be no changes to the Phase 1 examination timeline in 2021.

With the possibility that there may be further outbreaks in COVID-19 cases and regional border lockdowns causing further disruptions to the delivery of the examinations in 2021, the College will be investigating modified ways of delivering the examinations, including in an online format.

Key takeaway: The College will be investigating delivering examinations in 2021 in an online format to mitigate the possibility of further disruptions caused by future outbreaks in COVID-19 cases.

The College is seeking to remain committed to supporting trainees, as far as is practicable, in a manner that is safe for all concerned and as closely aligned to normal practice as possible.

As Chief Censor, I understand that an amended exam timetable for 2021 is likely to cause further disruption for our trainees. The continuing disruptions are unfortunately, completely unavoidable while we adjust to and work through the pandemic. I am sympathetic to all those who are going to be affected by these difficult decisions. As advised previously, trainees who feel disadvantaged or unprepared by the changes outlined are able to submit application for [consideration of special circumstances](#), as per the policy.



The College's Trainee Liaison Officer, Ms Senice So is available if you would like to discuss your circumstances, please contact her on Senice.So@ranzcr.edu.au. Her role is support trainees, so please take full advantage of the TLO role.

The College provides courses to help candidates in understanding the Phase 1 and Phase 2 examinations and their examination preparation. The timelines and format for these courses next year will be confirmed following the final determination of exam dates for 2021.

If you have any questions regarding exam arrangements, please contact ronctaa@ranzcr.edu.au and we will make sure to respond to you in a timely manner.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yaw Chin', with a horizontal line underneath.

Dr Yaw Chin
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