



The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists®

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Dear Clinical Radiology Trainee or IMG,

I wrote to you in May, July and August to provide an update on Clinical Radiology examinations for 2020. I am writing today with a further update to the upcoming Clinical Radiology examinations.

Series 2 2020 Examination Results

As advised in May and July our priority has been to facilitate the delivery of the examinations in 2020, which may mean that the timeline of the release of examination results may change.

As the Series 2 Part 1 and Part 2 examinations are being held much later in the year compared to previous years the release of the results will be similarly delayed. The delay will be exacerbated by the increased number of candidates sitting the examinations, the change in work processes associated with the College's remote working arrangements for 2020 and the December/January College office closures.

While every effort will be made to support the examination marking process and result analysis it is now likely that examination results may not be available to candidates until mid-January 2021.

Key takeaway:

- **Clinical Radiology Part 1 and Part 2 Examination results may not be available until mid-January 2021.**

Candidate Examination Feedback

For similar reasons it has been identified that there will be insufficient time between the delayed second series of the examinations in 2020 and the planned Series 1 examinations in 2021 to be able to provide candidates with individual feedback on their examination performance. In lieu of individual feedback an examination report setting out the performance of the examinations will be made available.

Preparing the examination content, administering the manual application forms and transitioning to a new online delivery system will need to be the key focus in early 2021 to be able to deliver the Series 1 2020 examinations.

Key takeaway:

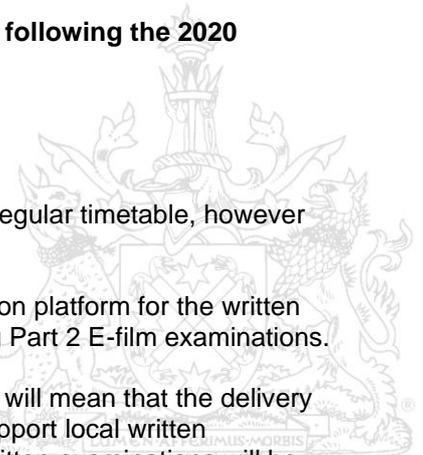
- **Individual candidate examination feedback will not be available following the 2020 examination series and an overall examination report provided.**

2021 Examinations

We are continuing to work towards delivering the 2021 examinations to the regular timetable, however dates are yet to be confirmed.

In May, I also advised that the College has identified a new online examination platform for the written examinations, which has been fast-tracked and being used for the upcoming Part 2 E-film examinations.

The aim is to deliver the 2021 written examinations on the new system. This will mean that the delivery format of the written examinations may change with a view to continue to support local written examinations, where possible. The impact on trainees sitting the Series 1 written examinations will be minimised as much as possible.



Alternative options for the Viva examinations are also being considered, in light of the ongoing COVID-19 related disruptions. The Vivas may not be delivered as they have been prior to 2020, or as they have been adjusted in 2020.

As soon as any details are finalised for the written or viva examinations, we will share these with you.

The College reaffirms its commitment to give candidates at least three months' notice for examination dates.

Key takeaway:

- **2021 examinations dates are yet to be finalised but are being planned to align to the regular timetable.**
- **The College is planning for written examination delivery changes in 2021.**
- **Alternate delivery options of the Viva examinations are being considered.**

2021 Examination Applications

To be able to support the examination marking processes, application forms for the 2021 examinations will not be available at the regular timelines.

The Part 1 Examination application forms will be prioritised to align with new trainees joining the training program and completing training applications for 2021.

A separate notice will be sent and uploaded to the College's website when they become available.

Key takeaway:

- **Trainees and IMGs will be advised when examination application forms for 2021 are available.**

Further postponement

The arrangements outlined here are subject to the impact of possible restrictions imposed by health authorities in each jurisdiction, which will continue to be monitored. Trainees and IMGs will need to keep abreast of developments that may affect them.

The College remains committed to supporting trainees in a manner that is safe for all concerned and as closely aligned to normal practice as possible.

The continuing disruptions are unfortunately unavoidable while we adjust to and work through the pandemic, and we are sympathetic to those affected. As advised previously, trainees who feel disadvantaged or unprepared by the changes are able to submit application for [consideration of special circumstances](#), as per the policy.

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

If you have any questions regarding exam arrangements, please contact radtaa@ranzcr.edu.au and the College staff will respond to you as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,



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