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Clinical Radiology Examinations
Part 1 examinations 13th and 14th September 2021
Part 2 written examinations 2nd and 3rd September 2021
Part 2 viva examinations 10th – 12th November 2021

Dear Examination Candidates

Subject: Series 2 2021 Examination Update

We are writing to inform you of the planned format, dates and locations for the Series 2 2021, Part 1 and Part 2 clinical radiology written examinations and Part 2 viva voce examinations.

Key takeaways:

- **The Part 1 and Part 2 written examinations will be delivered in the same format as Series 1, 2021, on the Practique platform across multiple locations.**
- **The Series 2 2021 vivas will be delivered digitally on the Practique platform:**
 - **Digital cases will be used instead of hardcopy films**
 - **Viva format will otherwise be unchanged**
 - **candidates will be examined virtually in multiple jurisdictions**

Written examination locations and format details

Due to COVID-19 we have had to deliver our Part 1 and Part 2 examinations in different formats for Series 2 2020 and Series 1 2021. The written examinations were successfully facilitated on the new examination platform, Practique, at multiple locations, and we plan for this to continue.

The written clinical radiology examinations are proposed to be held at the following locations:

Part 1 and Part 2 written examinations in Australia and New Zealand:

Sydney	Brisbane	Melbourne
Canberra	Hobart	Adelaide
Perth	Auckland	Christchurch
Newcastle		

For International Medical Graduates who have already commenced sitting the Part 2 examination and for Singapore Trainees

Singapore	Cape Town, South Africa (International IMGs only)
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Candidates within Australia will automatically be allocated to the centre/s within the Branch where they reside. This information will be confirmed in examination confirmation letters. New Zealand candidates will be contacted separately regarding locations, which will then be confirmed in an examination confirmation letter.

Part 2 vivas

We are pleased to be able to share with you that the **Series 2 2021 vivas will be delivered in a digital format**. Hardcopy film cases will no longer be used. This is a long awaited and significant milestone for the College.

The examinations will align with the current examination format but will be delivered on the new Practique electronic examination platform, which has already been introduced for the e-film and written examinations.

All examination cases will be blueprinted, standardised and prepared prior to the viva examination. Examiners will examine for 25 mins showing digital cases for a candidate to review using the Practique system. Candidates will be able to control how they view the cases and scroll through a series of images. The viva examination on Practique will have similar viewing tools to those of the current written examinations on Practique. The same case set will be used for all candidates examined on the same day, by all examiners across multiple jurisdictions.

A demonstration examination is being prepared so that candidates may become familiar with the new delivery method.

Due to the continued international and Australian border closures it is planned that the Viva examinations will take place in a **virtual format**, held over three days from 10 – 12 November 2021. Candidates will be allocated to the Cliftons Training Centre (or affiliated site) within the Branch where they reside. Candidates will be virtually connected to the examination and examiners using the Practique system. Examiners will be located at four locations (Perth, Melbourne, Brisbane and Auckland).

Part 2 Vivas will take place on 10 – 12 November in the following locations:

Sydney	Brisbane	Melbourne
Canberra	Hobart	Adelaide
Perth	Auckland	Cape Town
Singapore		

Overseas International Medical Graduates (IMGs)

International medical graduates (IMGs) outside of Australia and New Zealand who have already commenced sitting the examinations will be able to sit the examinations in Singapore or Cape Town **only**. IMGs who have not yet commenced sitting the examinations will not be able to sit the examinations on this occasion.

Examination Policy

The usual examination policy rules will apply for both Part 1 and Part 2 exams as are outlined in the respective policies. Candidates will be expected to sit the examinations (or

lose an opportunity). The failure of the examination or component will count as an opportunity.

Candidates who believe they have grounds, can apply for a deferment via an application for consideration of special circumstances, which will be considered as per the policy.

Additional considerations

Please note that the examination locations may be subject to change due to COVID-19 restrictions and final availability. As we have seen throughout the past 12 months, localised COVID-19 lockdowns can occur suddenly and unexpectedly, often announced only hours before restrictions change. These situations are out of RANZCR's control and we will communicate any impacts to you as soon as possible if this situation arises. Our responsibility for trainee and examiner wellbeing will guide the College in making any decisions.

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

Yours sincerely



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