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Subject: FYI: Spring 2021 Exams: Upcoming deadline for registration (Dec. 4) & medically required exam accommodations (Dec. 11) / À TITRE D'INFORMATION : Examens de 2021 : Date limite pour s'inscrire aux examens du printemps 2021 (4 décembre) et faire une demande

Dear colleagues,

The following message will be sent later today to exam candidates who have already registered for the spring 2021 exams and to program directors for dissemination to impacted residents.

[\(Le français suit l'anglais.\)](#)

Dear colleagues,

As previously communicated, Royal College examinations in 2021 will be delivered virtually. Written examinations will be delivered via computer using an examination system, and oral examinations will be delivered by examiners through a video interface via computer.

Our primary goal is to deliver our 2021 examinations to candidates **safely** and **securely** and with the necessary technical **support**.

Written exam

- Candidates can take their written exam on a computer at one of 17 Canadian hotel test sites of their choice.
- Candidates will be assigned to individual hotel rooms to help safeguard against the transmission of COVID-19.
- Candidates at hotel test sites will be provided with: a computer that has been tested and compatible with the examination system; and on-site technical support to assure delivery and completion of their exam.
- Candidates who cannot travel to a hotel test site can choose to take their exam online at their home/office using their own computer with remote proctoring/invigilation.
- Please note technical support for the online home/office option will be limited.

Applied/oral exam

Virtual delivery is the safest modality amidst COVID-19 to deliver multi-station oral examinations.

- Candidates will be asked to come to a Canadian hotel test site where they will be provided with: a computer that has been tested and compatible with the examination system; and on-site technical support to assure completion of their oral exam.
- Candidates will be assigned to individual hotel rooms to help protect the safety of our candidates.
- Considerations for accommodations to take oral exams online at home/office will depend on the nature and extent of the special requirement. Medical exceptions include unexpected quarantine/isolation from COVID-19 exposure. Each candidate situation will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- An accommodation leading to virtual oral exam in the candidate's home/office will require an in-person invigilation by a Fellow of the Royal College. This must be pre-approved by the Royal College.

Accommodation requests deadline - December 11

- For accommodation requests, candidates should visit our [website](#) for more information and contact us at examaccommodation@royalcollege.ca by **December 11, 2020**.
- Candidates should be aware that technical support, including hardware and software support, will be limited for online examination at home/office.
- The Royal College will continue to closely monitor the evolution of the pandemic and public health recommendations to ensure we are delivering exams safely as the health of our candidates, examiners and staff will continue to be our top priority.
- Candidates and stakeholders will be notified of any changes to the examination delivery process should it be required.

Withdrawals, refunds and deferrals

If candidates wish to withdraw from their exam for any COVID-19 related reason, including travel restrictions and/or concerns of COVID-19 transmission, they will be refunded their full exam fee up to 24 hours before a candidate's written exam date, and 50 per cent of their fees before an applicable oral exam date. The next opportunity to take a certification exam will be in 2022.

Questions?

For general exam inquiries, please contact us at exams2021@royalcollege.ca.

Sincerely,



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