

Regulations Relating to the Training, Education and Examination of Candidates for the Diploma in Tropical Medicine D.T.M. of the Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons in Ireland.

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Diploma in Tropical Medicine D.T.M., R.C.P. & S. Irel.

1. Admission Criteria.

Students should hold a medical qualification which is recognised by the Irish Medical Council, the General Medical Council in UK or some evidence that their medical qualification is recognised by the Medical Council in the country in which the qualification was granted. In unusual circumstances other well qualified students may be accepted for the course and the examination for example who have completed a Masters in Public Health and have some years experience in a relevant area at the discretion of the Head of Department of Tropical Medicine.

2. Eligibility for the Examination.

Candidates may enter for the examination only after they have completed the graduate course in Tropical Medicine offered at the RCSI.

3. Teaching Methods.

The course of instruction will include lectures, reading list, case based teaching, laboratory practical sessions, group work, seminar presentations and small group facilitated teaching. Although this may change from year to year at the discretion of the faculty and the Department of International Health & Tropical Medicine.

4. The examination shall include a written paper, a multiple choice question paper, an oral examination and a mark for a contribution towards a group presentation.

5. The examination will be rated so that forty per cent of the total mark goes for the written examination, twenty per cent goes for the MCQ exam, twenty per cent of the marks for the group mark associated with the seminar presentation and twenty per cent of the marks going for the oral examination.

6. Candidates who do not pass the individually marked components of the examination in aggregate will not be allowed to compensate for this by a group mark awarded for their contribution to the group seminar.

7. The pass mark for the examination will be fifty per cent and apart from the caveat described above compensation between different components of the examination is allowed.

8. Any representation which a candidate may wish to make with regard to the conduct of the examination must be addressed to the Dean of the Medical Faculty. The Conjoint Board may refuse to admit to the Examination or to proceed with the Examination of any candidate who infringes any regulations of the Board or who is considered by the Examiners to have been guilty of behaviour prejudicial to the proper conduct, and management of the Examination.

9. The maximum number of opportunities offered to each candidate is two.

10. A monetary prize will be awarded to the candidate who performs best overall in the examination each year.

11. Applications for admission to the Examination must be accompanied by the full amount of the fee payable. Candidates who pass the examination are required to pay a further diploma fee before their diploma is granted.

12. Candidates who withdraw their applications for admission to the Examination, in writing, may receive back ninety per cent of the amount of the fee paid provided that such withdrawal is received before the date on which the applications are due. An administrative charge of ten per cent is made.

13. The standard of the examination shall be that of a postgraduate diploma. The candidates will be expected to demonstrate a sound knowledge of the common diseases and disorders in adults and children in resource-poor environments.