



# Australasian College for Emergency Medicine

## Rescheduled OSCE FAQs

June 2020

The 2020.2 Fellowship OSCE has been postponed and will now be held 15-18 December 2020, subject to further easing of restrictions.

*Does this mean the application open and close dates have changed too?*

No, the application dates remain the same. You can apply from 9:00am AEST on **Monday 15 June** until 5:00pm AEST on **Friday 10 July 2020** by visiting the [examinations page of the ACEM website](#). Late applications will not be accepted. The **eligibility deadline date is Monday 3 August 2020**, all of the eligibility criteria must be met by this date.

*I can't decide now if I'll be ready in December.*

*Why can't the application dates be changed until later in the year?*

With so much uncertainty at the moment, it is beneficial for the College to know candidate numbers as early as possible so plans can be made well in advance of the examination date.

Discuss your options and examination preparation with your DENT. If you do not feel ready, we recommend withdrawing and sitting the following examination. If you decide to sit the examination, it will be considered an attempt towards the maximum allowable number of attempts for the OSCE.

*When are the application dates for the 2020.2 Fellowship Written on November 13?*

Applications for the 2020.2 Fellowship Written examination open at 9:00am AEST on **Monday 24 August** and close at 5:00pm AEST on **Friday 18 September 2020**. Once again, we cannot accept late applications.

*I had applied to sit the 2020.1 Fellowship Written Examination in May that was cancelled. Will I be allowed to sit the 2020.2 Fellowship Written in November and then the 2020.2 Fellowship OSCE in December?*

Yes, you can. On the OSCE application form, there is a question 'Have you successfully completed the Fellowship Written Examination?' When you tick 'No', there will be a follow up statement 'I applied for the 2020.1 Fellowship Written Examination and have been authorised to sit the 2020.2 Fellowship Clinical Examination (OSCE) before completing the written exam'. If you tick 'Yes' here, you will be able to proceed with your OSCE application.

However, sitting the Fellowship Written Examination in November and then coming back a few weeks later for the Fellowship OSCE would be very challenging. You should consider applying for the OSCE after you have received your results of the Fellowship Written, to give yourself the best chance of passing each examination. Discuss your preparedness to sit examinations with your DENT or other FACEM mentors to seek advice on the best course of action for your circumstances.

### *Can I apply for both the Written and the OSCE at the same time?*

No. There is a different application form for each examination, applications must be made separately on the advertised dates.

### *I am planning to sit the 2020.2 Fellowship Written Examination in November, but I didn't apply to sit in May (see above). Can I sit the December OSCE now that it takes place after my written examination?*

No. You will not be eligible during the application period of the OSCE, as you will not yet have passed the written examination. The results from the 2020.2 Fellowship Written Examination will not be released before the December OSCE. Only those who applied for the cancelled 2020.1 Fellowship Written Examination will have the option to do both examinations at the end of 2020.

### *When will examination fees be taken?*

You will be invoiced for the examination fees shortly after the eligibility checks have been carried out. For the Fellowship OSCE, this will be some time after 3 August 2020 and for the Fellowship Written Examination some time after the closing date of 18 September 2020.

### *If I am unsuccessful in the December OSCE, can I re-sit for the March 2021.1 OSCE?*

As per the COE communique of 12 June 2020, it is not recommended that trainees who have been unsuccessful at the OSCE held in December re-sit just 3 months later in March 2021. It is likely that results from the December OSCE will take longer than usual due to the Christmas break. Trainees can expect results in early February at the earliest, with the personalised station feedback to follow a few weeks later.

Although in theory you could apply for the March 2021.1 OSCE pending your results, it would not be recommended as you would be left with a very short period of time to reflect and improve on your performance. But ultimately, the decision is yours to make.

If you do apply to sit the March 2021.1 OSCE and when results are released find that you have passed the December 2020.2 OSCE, your application will be withdrawn and no examination fees will be taken.

### *Still have questions?*

If there's anything else you'd like to know about the upcoming examinations, please ask us. We're here to answer your questions and help everyone get the right information.

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	Exam	Applications		
		Open	Close	
<b>Fellowship Written 2020.2</b>	13 Nov	24 Aug	18 Sep	
<b>Fellowship Clinical (OSCE) 2020.2</b>	15-18 Dec*	15 Jun	10 Jul	<b>Eligibility deadline</b> 3 Aug
*Extra dates may be added to accommodate higher candidate numbers				