



The Royal College of Pathologists

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**Advice statement for examination candidates currently eligible to complete the FRCPath examination in Veterinary Pathology under the old-format regulations.**

*Only candidates who have passed either the complete FRCPath Part 1 examination or the FRCPath Part 1 written examination before January 2009 are eligible to sit the old-format examinations.*

**Old-format Part 1 – practical examination**

It is now not possible to embark on the written examination that comprised the initial part of the old-format Part 1 examination. However, there are a few candidates eligible to complete the old-format Part 1 examination by undertaking a re-sit of the old-format practical component.

Candidates in this situation are advised to write to the Examinations Department to outline their plans to take such a re-sit. Such candidates are urged to do so as soon as possible in order that the examination system can accommodate them under the terms of the old-format regulations.

The planned opportunities remaining for such candidates to sit their old-format Part 1 Practical are Autumn 2011 and Autumn 2012. Spring 2011 and Spring 2012 are possible options but can be offered only at the discretion of the Examinations Committee.

Candidates successfully undertaking this examination should note that it is unlikely that they will be able to complete their full FRCPath examination under the old-format regulations because of the recommendation for a two-year interval between Part 1 and Part 2. In this event candidates would have to undertake a new-format regulations Part 2 practical examination. This would mean that these candidates would have to do a necropsy examination again since that is a requirement of the new-format Part 2 examination.

**Old-format Part 2 – combined practical and oral examination**

Eligible candidates who have still to pass the old-format Part 2 combined practical and oral examination will have to complete that process by Autumn 2012.

The planned opportunities remaining for such candidates to apply to sit their old-format Part 2 combined practical and oral examination are Autumn 2011 and Autumn 2012.

Any candidate in this category who fails to complete their attempts under the old-format regulations by the end of 2012 will be eligible to complete their FRCPATH examination under the new-format regulations only.

### **Old-format Part 2 – Written option and oral examination**

Eligible candidates who have still to pass the old-format Part 2 Written option and oral examination will have to complete that process by Autumn 2012.

The planned opportunities remaining for such candidates to apply to sit their old-format Part 2 oral examination are Autumn 2011 and Autumn 2012.

Any candidate in this category who fails to complete their attempts under the old-format regulations by the end of 2012 will be eligible to complete their FRCPATH examination under the new-format regulations only.

### **Other information**

Candidates are reminded that normally the maximum number of attempts at each part of the FRCPATH examination is four.

The old- and new-format regulations are available on the examinations page of the College website at:

<http://www.rcpath.org/index.asp?PageID=47>

Candidates who are uncertain as to their status or how they should proceed are advised to contact:

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