

Anatomical Pathology in 2012: Examination and transitional Portfolio Requirements

This document describes changes to assessment in Anatomical Pathology which will come into force in 2012. The changes will be phased in for current Trainees. The transitional requirements are set out on page 2 of this document.

- The Part 1 oral examination will be discontinued.
- The Part II oral examination will be in August and will be changed to a structured format
- Part 1 slide and written examinations and Part II slide examination will be held in May. Part II candidates who fail will be able to re-sit in August. There will be no November repeat exam.
- Part 1 special practical exam will be replaced by a small biopsy exam held in August. Trainees can attempt this exam either in Year 4 or Year 5. Trainees who have previously passed the special practical exam will be exempt.
- The Part II cytology exam, currently held in Y5, can be attempted in either Year 4 or Year 5.
- Trainees will be required to complete a Portfolio that provides evidence of satisfactory completion of work-based activities across a wide range of professional duties. The casebook in its current form will be phased out and replaced by published papers, oral presentations, etc, which provide evidence of personal professional development (PPD).
- For trainees who commenced training before 2012, the Portfolio will be phased in. A combination of casebook reports and other PPD items will be accepted.

Requirements for trainees sitting Part II in 2012

- Trainees who wish to submit a **case book** (whether the full eight cases or a reduced number) should note that this would be required at the RCPA office by 31 March 2012. Two hard copies with spiral binding and one electronic copy on CD are required.
- PPD items need to be reviewed by the Supervisor and recorded in the Portfolio summary sheet when satisfactory. When complete the items should be combined into a single hard copy with spiral binding.
- The pre-examination Supervisor's report, the Portfolio summary sheet, both signed by the Supervisor, and the bound PPD items should be submitted together and must be received at the RCPA office by 15 July.

Further details are in the *Trainee Handbook 2012 – Specific Requirements for Anatomical Pathology*.

<http://www.rcpa.edu.au/Careers/Training/CurriculumTrainingHandbook.htm>

Arrangements for 2013 will be published in 2012.

Year of training	Portfolio requirements in 2012	Examination requirements in 2012
Completing fifth year of training and has already passed AP2 examination.	Autopsy assessment: satisfactory result if not previously achieved. Supervisor's report for remaining training period.	Not applicable
<p>Fifth year of training in 2012 and sitting AP2 in 2012</p> <p>We advise commencing documenting the Portfolio activities as soon as possible. Relevant forms are in the 2012 AP Trainee Handbook Appendix 7.</p>	<p>Casebook/ PPD: any combination of cases and PPD items up to a total of eight (8) items.</p> <p>Submit casebook to College by 31 March 2012.</p> <p>Submit PPD items to College with the pre-exam Supervisor's report, 15 July 2012 (refer to 2012 AP Trainee Handbook Appendix 6 for PPD items).</p> <p>By the end of 2012, have documented completion of the reduced workplace activity requirements ,ie, Cut up: four (4) DOPS forms Histochemical stains: not required Surgical case reports: eight (8) comprising four (4) of complexity <5 and four (4) of complexity = or >5. Frozen sections: five (5) Cytology: ten (10) comprising 5 gynae and 5 non-gynae Clinical meetings: ten (10)</p> <p>Logbook with evidence of having reported: - Surgical cases: 600 - Immuno: no minimum - EM: no minimum - Autopsies: at least three (3), preferably including autopsies from both adult and fetal/perinatal/paediatric subgroups.</p> <p>Supervisors' reports: all previous</p> <p>Autopsy assessment: <i>satisfactory result is required before Fellowship can be awarded. Report to be submitted to College.</i></p>	<p>AP2 slide examination (May - with opportunity to repeat in August) Cytology exam (August) Small biopsy examination (August): exempt if previously passed the special practical examination AP2 structured oral examination (August)</p> <p>End-of year supervisor's report which confirms completion of Portfolio requirements. This must be submitted to the College.</p>
Fourth year of training in 2012 and passed API in 2011 and planning to sit AP2 in 2013 or later	<p>Casebook/ PPD. Cases already prepared are to be kept for submission in 2013. Commence PPD items (see 2012 AP Trainee Handbook Appendix 6). Any combination of cases and PPD items, up to a total of eight (8) items, is required by time of APII examination.</p> <p>Other workplace activity requirements as for fifth year Trainees (see above).</p>	<p>Option to sit cytology examination (August). [Exempt from small biopsy examination following pass in the special practical examination].</p>

<p>Third year of training and sitting AP1 in 2012 or Fourth year of training and sitting AP1 in 2012</p>	<p>By the end of 2012, complete the reduced workplace activity requirements, ie: Cut up: up to four (4) DOPS forms Histochemical stains: four (4) DOPS forms Surgical case reports: eight (8) comprising four (4) of complexity < 5 and four (4) of complexity = or >5. Frozen sections: five (5) Cytology: ten (10) comprising 5 gynae and 5 non-gynae Clinical meetings: ten (10) PPD submit evidence of having commenced these activities Logbook with evidence of having reported: - Surgical cases: 600 - Immuno: no minimum - EM: no minimum - Autopsies: at least three (3), preferably including autopsies from both adult and fetal/perinatal/paediatric subgroups.</p> <p><i>If there is an inability to meet the above requirements, and as this is a transition stage, the supervisor should notify the college in writing outlining the difficulty and indicating how this will be addressed during the subsequent years of training for the trainee.</i></p> <p>Supervisors' reports: all previous</p>	<p>AP1 slide examination (May) AP1 written examination (May)</p> <p>End-of-year supervisor's report which confirms completion of Portfolio requirements. This must be submitted to the College.</p>
<p>Second or third year of training in 2012 and planning to sit AP1 in 2013</p>	<p>Undertake the workplace activities specified in Portfolio section of the Trainee Handbook</p>	<p>No exam unless BPS not passed previously.</p>
<p>First year of training in 2012</p>	<p>Undertake the workplace activities specified in Portfolio section of the Trainee Handbook</p>	<p>Recommended to sit BPS if not passed previously</p>