

## Changes to the Haematology Trainee Handbook for 2019

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2	Joint trainees: Clarification of the time that joint trainees are expected to spend in the laboratory. Handbook now states that “only a small proportion of time (up to 20%) may be spent in clinical duties during the laboratory training time”.
5	BPS exemption: “joint trainees who register with the RCPA after the beginning of 2020 training year will not be automatically exempt”.
5	Note that trainees who have submitted an examination application form and are subsequently found not to be eligible to sit an examination/s, e.g. insufficient accredited training time, will be withdrawn from the examination/s. The examination fee will be refunded in full.
5	Different supervisor report forms for single discipline and joint trainees
15,18,33	Clarification, re Ethics eLearning modules in RCPA Education Online. All modules must be completed, with supervisor sign off. Ethics modules from other organisations are optional.
23 Appendix 1 List C	Addition: Genomic tests to identify/exclude variants with known clinical implications added to the list of genotype studies.
26 Appendix 2	Automatic BPS exemption for joint trainees will not apply from 2020
27 Appendix 3	Inserted sentence about progression from Phase 1 to Phase 2 (clarification - not a new requirement). Part I written exam has 15 questions; dry practical has 8 questions
28 Appendix 3	The Part I exams no longer include the wet practical examination. It has been deleted from the handbook.
28 and Appendix 7	The dissertation, previously an examination component, has been re-classified as a portfolio component. It must be submitted to the RCPA by 1 July in the final year of Fellowship training. There are new forms, requirements, marking criteria and submission information in Appendix 7.
29, 32	Note different supervisor forms for single discipline and joint trainees
32 Appendix 5	Different supervisor report forms for single discipline and joint trainees. Joint trainees should use the joint RACP-RCPA form. The RCPA accepts the mid-year joint RACP-RCPA supervisor report as the pre-examination report. The RCPA portfolio summary sheet must be appended.
34 Appendix 8	Two extra mandatory WBA items: CbD on massive transfusion and a process-based discussion PbD process-based discussion) on blood product/inventory management. Attendance at a transfusion committee meeting is compulsory Note: Additional CbD and PbD not mandatory for final year trainees in 2019.
46	Addition of a new type of WBA: PbD (process-based discussion)
46	Deletion of erroneous statement in previous handbooks Fellows who assess CbD (or PbD) are entitled to claim time spent as a CPDP activity.