

Changes to the Microbiology Handbook for 2019

2,3	Joint trainees. See note regarding time limitations. Required to do at least 12 months training in each of two different laboratories. This requirement comes into force in 2020.
2, 26	Joint trainees. See note regarding BPS exemption from 2020.
4	See note regarding trainees with insufficient training time who have submitted an examination application form.
27	At the discretion of the Chief Examiner, candidates who pass Phase 1 at a sufficiently high level but are unsuccessful in Phase 2 may be given an exemption from the Phase 1 examination/s. Exemptions granted are valid for one year.
27	Note change to number of questions and timing of the MB1 written paper B examination. Now 30 questions in 2 hours, Previously 50 questions in 3hrs and 15 minutes.
17, 22, 49	Ethics eLearning modules This is a clarification, not an additional requirement. The Ethics eLearning modules should be completed
Appendix 4 34	Supervisor report A note to supervisors emphasising the importance of accurate scoring Advice regarding completion and submission of supervisor report forms. RCPA-only and joint trainees need to use different forms.
35, 36, 39, 41	A new, mandatory DOPS for sequencing. This brings the total number of DOPS to 13. The form is on p 41. The requirement for this DOPS is mentioned on the other pages. The DOPS for sequencing form is on p 41 Note: it is not mandatory for trainees in their final year in 2019 but they are encouraged to do it.
36	Summary of number of portfolio requirements in the different categories
39, 42	Clarification that assessment of DOPS and CbD do not earn CPD points for the assessor. Removed from handbook.
52	Major project guidelines are now more specific regarding requirements and emphasise that the laboratory work must be carried out by the trainee.