

Announcement

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation and recent surges of new variants across the UK, the Specialty Fellowship Examinations Executive (SFEE) wanted to provide reassurance to candidates as they prepare for their ISFE examinations in autumn 2021. Further to the recent remote delivery of the exams in autumn 2020 and spring 2021, SFEE confirms the decision to hold the forthcoming Autumn 2021 diets of all ISFE Examinations using the same remote delivery method.

The content, format and examination standards will remain the same.

We appreciate the existing levels of anxiety and stress at this time in all aspects of our lives therefore we have taken this decision now to avoid any additional uncertainty regarding the examination delivery. Even if lockdown rules are relaxed fully over the coming months, the decision to hold these diets remotely will not change.

This decision means that candidates will not be required to attend any advertised examination centre, but can sit the examination from their home or workplace. Confirmation of these arrangements and further details of the online platform will be sent to candidates no later than six weeks prior to their examination. This will include full details of the equipment required to sit the exam, however at this stage we can confirm that candidates will be required to have access to a PC or laptop with a suitable webcam and appropriate internet access. As a guide, this should be equipment that is capable of make a good-quality internet video call (such as a Zoom call or a GoTo meeting).

There will be an opportunity for candidates to trial the exam platform in advance of the examination to ensure that they are familiar with the system and that all equipment and systems are working well. Candidates with reasonable adjustments should contact the ISFE Secretariat if they require different adjustments for an online exam or have any concerns about the adjustments they have been granted.

Any specific concerns regarding the information provided should be addressed to the ISFE secretariat via email at isfe@rcpsg.ac.uk .