

We are currently working on our FRCS 3 schedule for examination delivery in 2022 and hope to be in a position to publish this on our website shortly.

The pattern of examination delivery was interrupted in 2020 due to the COVID 19 pandemic. We undertook significant development to enable a delivery mechanism that would not be limited by restrictions imposed by the pandemic. We were delighted with the success of our online examinations; however, we do acknowledge there was limited capacity at these diets and we were unable to offer places to all candidates who had a place cancelled in 2020. We had hoped to offer more online exams last year; however, generating examination material in a short space of time has proved challenging especially given the pressures our examiners are under while working through the pandemic.

We have continued to work on examination development and are committed to accommodating as many candidates as possible during this year, subject to public health guidance in the host countries. We anticipate the first examinations will take place mid-year. Priority will be given to those who had a confirmed place on the cancelled diets from Malta and Amman in March 2020 and Glasgow in June 2020. We will contact these candidates directly with further information as soon as we have finalised all details and the application process is opened.

Once these candidates have been accommodated we will then be in a position to open the application process to other candidates. We are aware of how important these examinations are to your career progression and understand the impact caused by delays in securing an examination place. We will do everything possible to clear the backlog as quickly as we can so that the application process can be opened to all candidates.

We would like to thank you for your patience as we are finalising details to this year's schedule. We will ensure that all updates are made freely available to everyone on our website at the earliest opportunity.

Please do not contact the College to seek further information as we are unable to provide any additional details at this time.