

## **Extension of eligibility period due to COVID-19 restrictions**

The MFDS Management Board are cognisant that the decision to postpone all international examination diets from 16 March 2020 until March 2022 will have had an impact on many candidates' plans for completing MFDS Part 1 & 2 Examinations.

To ensure that our internationally based candidates will have an opportunity to complete the above exams, RCS Edinburgh & RCPS Glasgow have agreed a further extension to the current rules around the five-year eligibility period.

All internationally based candidates whose five-year eligibility period was due to end between 16 March 2020 and 31 December 2021 will automatically have this extended by 24 months to December 2023; these candidates will therefore have two additional years to complete MFDS Examinations.

Candidates will still need to follow the limit on attempts outlined within the above regulations when applying for a future diet of the examination.