

CPCF examination delivery May 2020

Dear all

Firstly, many thanks for sharing your views with me on whether to postpone the examinations from May to September. Both keeping the current arrangements and postponing have support from the views expressed. Obviously at a stressful time, not just in terms of the virus, but undertaking study/revision/examinations at this time we want to minimise the impact on you. To that end I have agreed the following – what I would say that this is obviously subject to change if Government advice radically changes:

- 1) We will run examination cycles as planned in May.
- 2) We will turn the September examination cycle (dates are on our website) from a re-sit only cycle to a full examination cycle (where you can take re-sits as well)
- 3) Students can pick which cycle they wish to sit. If you chose at this stage for the May cycle you can move, free of charge, to the September cycle anytime up to 5th May.
- 4) For May we will look to use the venues as planned – however if this should not prove possible because either government advice or the venue itself closes we will allow examinations to be taken in house (subject to appropriate safeguards such as a responsible person to invigilate) – please check with your local authority that this option is open to you.
- 5) Unfortunately, the venue for practical and orals is not suitable for remote examination - partly because of the nature of the examinations. We will continue to explore all options to keep travel or social contact to a minimum.
- 6) Training is planned to go ahead as originally envisaged for May and we will be looking to put in extra revision days in preparation for September – might take us a week or two to sort this out but we will let you know the details ASAP
- 7) We realise that there will be issues with portfolio completion because of the lack of visits during the virus outbreak. We will look at this issue as a priority and will let you know of any changes to deadlines ASAP
- 8) We will also consider any issues with transition deadlines as well
- 9) There are a few other questions that were posed in your responses. We will look to answer those ASAP but as you can hopefully appreciate our focus is on sorting out both examination cycles

Hopefully this all makes sense however if you have any questions about the detail of this please contact the team. Should any student or candidate feel, because of their particular circumstances, they are still disadvantaged please contact me directly on leonl@tsi.org.uk and I'll work with the team and see what we can do to best address your needs

Regards

Leon

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