



The Society of Apothecaries of London

Diploma in Genitourinary Medicine (Dip G-U Med)

Administrative Guidance for Candidates

EXAMINATION TIMETABLE 2010

	June examination	December examination
Closing date for entries	Wed 7 April	Tues 28 September
Best of five written paper	Wed 2 June	Tues 23 November
OSCE	Wed 9 & Thur 10 June	Wed 1 & Thur 2 December

APPLICATIONS

- To avoid disappointment, candidates are advised to apply for the examination well in advance of the closing date for entries. The closing date is the **final** date that a completed application can be considered for entry to the examination **but there is no guarantee that places will still be available at this date.**

WAITING LIST

- The Society operates a waiting list system once all places for the examination have been filled. Candidates will be notified in writing as soon as a place becomes available, candidates will then have two weeks to respond and advise whether they wish to accept the place. Please note that should candidates not respond in this time, the place will be offered to the next person on the waiting list.

EXAMINATION FEE

- The examination entry and re-entry fee is currently £495. Candidates who withdraw from the examination after the closing date will trigger a forfeit fee as detailed below.

WITHDRAWING FROM THE EXAMINATION

- Candidates who wish to withdraw from the examination must notify the Society in writing. The following withdrawal penalties will be applied:

If the date of receipt of notification of withdrawal falls...	The penalty incurred will be...
Before the application deadline stated on page 1.	No penalty
8-6 weeks before the start of the examination (i.e. in the two weeks after the application deadline)	£75
Within 6 weeks of the start of the examination	£150

PAST EXAMINATION PAPERS

5. Past examination papers are no longer available, as the format of the written paper has changed from essay questions to best of five. Sample written and OSCE questions are shown in this booklet.

PAYMENTS

6. Payments can be made via:

Cheque Made payable to 'The Society of Apothecaries'. Please write your name, address and the diploma name on the back.

PayPal™ Via the Society website: www.apothecaries.org

Direct transfer Details on application

Candidates from overseas should ensure that their cheques yield the correct fee in Sterling AFTER deduction of bank charges. Only bankers' drafts drawn on a UK bank are accepted. Bankers' drafts should be valid for at least three months after the examination date.

SAMPLE QUESTIONS

Best of five

A 24-year-old gay man who has had unprotected sex in saunas while on holiday in Brighton 3 weeks ago, comes in because he has noticed a small sore near his anus. This is painless, has been present for the past week and is not healing up despite applications of anusol ointment.

The most likely sexually transmitted causative organism is:

1. *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*
2. *Candida albicans*
3. Herpes simplex virus
4. Human papilloma virus
5. *Treponema pallidum*

Answer: 5 *Treponema pallidum*

OSCE

Candidate instructions

Station title: **SAMPLE**

This station lasts 10 minutes. You are a doctor in a genitourinary medicine clinic. Mr A is attending and requests a sexual health screen. Take a relevant history and discuss the recommended investigations with him.