



Diploma in Tropical Medicine & Hygiene – Addendum to Examination Regulations: October 2020

The Diploma in Tropical Medicine (DTM&H) examination board is aware that, in light of the current restrictions in place across the world as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, live microscopy training is not currently possible in many institutions, as it would have been in previous years. Therefore, the requirement to produce evidence of microscopy and practical parasitology training is likely to be a barrier to entry to the DTM&H examination in 2021.

To enable candidates to apply for the DTM&H examination in 2021 the Royal College of Physicians (RCP) has approved a temporary amendment to section 2.0 of the [DTM&H regulations](#). The current eligibility criteria are as follows:

Candidates for the Diploma in Tropical Medicine & Hygiene must hold a primary medical qualification recognised by the Royal College of Physicians of London (RCP).

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Written evidence of attendance on one of the appropriate Tropical Medicine course [...], and confirmation of proficiency in microscopy (requiring a minimum of 12 hours of microscopy/practical parasitology teaching) within the last 5 years will be required for each candidate before taking the examination.

The change, applicable for the 2021 DTM&H examination only, is as follows:

Candidates for the Diploma in Tropical Medicine & Hygiene must hold a primary medical qualification recognised by the Royal College of Physicians of London (RCP).

[...]

The requirement for candidates at the DTM&H examination to provide confirmation of proficiency in microscopy (requiring a minimum of 12 hours of microscopy/practical parasitology teaching) by means of a certificate in microscopy will be temporarily suspended. Instead the RCP Assessment Unit will seek confirmation that candidates have satisfied course requirements in respect of online microscopy and parasitology training.

The RCP reserves the right to verify candidate's eligibility with their awarding institution, and to refuse entry to the examination to candidates who do not meet the eligibility criteria set out above.

Any queries regarding this temporary change to eligibility criteria should be sent to dtmh@mrcpuk.org.