



The Royal College of Pathologists
Pathology: the science behind the cure



IBMS Institute of
Biomedical Science

**RCPATH/IBMS Advanced Specialist Diploma (ASD) in
Histopathology Reporting
(Gynaecological Pathology /Gastrointestinal Pathology/ Dermatopathology)
Assessment Arrangements Information for candidates**

The Royal College of Pathologists (RCPATH) and the Institute of Biomedical Science (IBMS) are committed to working together on the delivery of the ASD in Histopathology Reporting (Stages A, B and C) and the subsequent preceptorship qualification (Stage D).

The Royal College of Pathologists are responsible for delivering the Stage A and Stage C examinations. The IBMS oversee and administer the assessment of the portfolios for Stages A, B and C. The Conjoint Board is responsible for making a recommendation to the College Council of the successful completion of Stage D.

For each stage, the full requirements of the portfolio must be met before it can be submitted. Please refer to the guidance to candidates and trainers document on the IBMS website for more information for the evidence that must be submitted for each stage of each qualification.

Arrangements for 2019

The arrangements for 2019 are as follows:

Stage A Portfolio

Candidates must submit their Stage A portfolio to [Chris Ward](#) at the IBMS by no later than **Friday 8 March 2019** The fee for the assessment of the portfolio is **£260** which must be paid to the IBMS. Candidates must submit the completed application form along with payment information and the portfolio by the stated date. Questions about the Stage A portfolio element can be directed to examinations@ibms.org

Stage A Examination - Friday 7 June 2019 (Bristol)

To be eligible to apply for the Stage A examination, candidates must firstly have received notification of a pass for their portfolio from the IBMS. Once candidates have received this those wishing to sit the Stage A examination will need to apply and pay online directly to the Royal College of Pathologists via the [RCPATH website](#) during the application window which will run from **Tuesday 7 May to Monday 20 May 2019**.

The cost of the examination in 2019 will be **£265**.

Both the overarching [RCPath regulations and guidelines, complaints and appeals policies](#) and the [Stage A Regulations and Guidelines](#) will apply to candidates undertaking the examination.

Following the examinations results will be posted to candidates via first class mail on **Friday 5 July**. Results will not be issued to personal callers, or by telephone, fax or email but individual results, listed by according to candidate number, will also be accessible online from midday on the day the results are posted.

Questions about the Stage A examination can be directed to exams@rcpath.org.

Stage B Portfolio

There is no examination in Stage B but candidates must submit their Stage B portfolio to [Chris Ward](#) at the IBMS by no later than **Friday 8 March 2018, Friday 24 May 2019 or Friday 13 September**.

The fee for the assessment of the portfolio is **£260** which must be paid to the IBMS. Candidates must submit the completed application form along with payment information and the portfolio by the stated date. Questions about the Stage B portfolio element can be directed to examinations@ibms.org

Stage C Portfolio

Candidates must submit their Stage C portfolio to [Chris Ward](#) at the IBMS by no later than **Friday 24 May 2019**. The fee for the assessment of the portfolio is **£260** which must be paid to the IBMS. Candidates must submit the completed application form along with payment information and the portfolio by the stated date. Questions about the Stage C portfolio element can be directed to examinations@ibms.org

Stage C Examination - Tuesday 8 and Wednesday 9 October 2019 at one of the venues where the FRCPath Part 2 Histopathology examination is held

To be eligible to apply for the Stage C examination, candidates must firstly have received notification of a pass for their portfolio from the IBMS. Once candidates have received this those wishing to sit the Stage C examination will need to apply and pay online directly to the Royal College of Pathologists via the [RCPath website](#) during the application window which will run from **Friday 12 July to Friday 26 July 2019**.

The cost of the examination in 2019 is **£647**.

Both the overarching [RCPATH regulations and guidelines, complaints and appeals policies](#) and the [Stage C Regulations and Guidelines](#) will apply to candidates undertaking the examination.

Following the examinations results will be posted to candidates via first class mail on **Friday 22 November**. Results will not be issued to personal callers, or by telephone, fax or email but individual results, listed by according to candidate number, will also be accessible online from midday on the day the results are posted.

Questions about the Stage C examination can be directed to exams@rcpath.org.

Stage D

The Conjoint Board will review the submitted portfolios and will recommend to the Royal College of Pathologists Council those candidates it feels has met the standard required.

The College Council will ratify the decision of the Conjoint Board at one of their meetings. In 2019 the College Council will meet in February, May, August and November.

If the College Council confirms the decision of the Conjoint Board that the candidate has met the standard the individual concerned will be invited to attend the Royal College of Pathologists following New Fellow Ceremony that will take place on 1 August 2019 (for those ratified in May) or in 2020 (date to be confirmed - for those ratified at the August or November meetings) respectively.

In order for there to be sufficient time for the Conjoint Board to review the portfolio and make a recommendation to the College Council candidates must submit their completed portfolio by **Friday 8 March** for the May Council Meeting, **Friday 24 May** for the August Council meeting or **Friday 13 September** for the November Council Meeting.

There is no fee for the assessment of this portfolio and there is no examination at the end of Stage D.