Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada

Royal College Examination In Anatomical Pathology

The Royal College Examination in Anatomical Pathology is held in Ottawa in May/June. The exam is comprehensive, with written, practical, and oral components. For details concerning the examination, including dates and format, see the Royal College website:


Royal College Examination Application Deadlines

All residents in Royal College accredited specialty residency programs must apply to the Royal College to have their training assessed and to obtain permission to write the relevant examination.

Neither the Royal College, the University nor the Program Director can initiate this assessment process. It is the responsibility of the resident to establish and maintain a professional relationship with the Royal College.

Approximate deadlines for the Anatomical Pathology exams are given below. Please note that residents are encouraged to submit their applications well before the deadlines. Completion of the forms and assembly of the documents takes some time. Application forms are obtained by writing to the Royal College. Assessment fees are paid only once and cover the duration of your residency program.

*Deadlines for receipt at the College of:*

- your application form for PRELIMINARY assessment of training if all your training has been in Canada = April 30 of the year before you are due to write the examinations
- your application form for PRELIMINARY assessment of training if you are seeking credit for training in the U.S. = February 28 of the year before you are due to write the examinations
- your letter requesting an updated assessment of additional training if you have already had a preliminary assessment of training = April 30 of the year before you are due to write the examinations
- your supplementary application form for renewal of expired eligibility = September 30 of the year before you are due to write the examinations

See RCPSC documentation on deadlines:
http://www.rcpsc.medical.org/residency/certification/deadassess_e.php3

Royal College Documents on Accreditation and Specialty Training Requirements

General Standards of Accreditation for all residency programs

http://rcpsc.medical.org/residency/accreditation/genstandards_e.pdf

Specific Standards of Accreditation for Residency Programs in Anatomical Pathology (2000)


Objectives of Training and Specialty Training Requirements in Anatomical Pathology (2000)

http://rcpsc.medical.org/residency/certification/training/anat_e.html