

Surrey Exam Secretary report 2019/2020

Four Surrey candidates passed modules in November 2019 but since then things have been very quiet on the exam front.

As you will know, the Examinations Board cancelled the March modules and subsequently the November 2020 modules. All practical assessments were also cancelled for the Summer of 2020 both at local and national level.

The Examinations Board are hoping to run modules in the spring of 2021 and are investigating holding these online. If these are held this will be online only with no handwritten opportunity. There may be a handwritten opportunity in November 2021 but this will depend on the Covid 19 situation next year. It is likely that even if there is a handwritten opportunity in November this will be at a reduced number of venues so candidates may have to travel further.

Because of the additional preparation required to run modules online, the closing date for applications for modules has been brought forward to 31 January 2021 and the date of the modules themselves has been put back to the weekend of 24/25 April.

The format of the module papers will not change.

No decision has yet been taken on whether it will be possible to hold practical assessment in 2021, but if they do go ahead, it will put huge pressure on assessors, having to assess candidates who have been deferred from 2020 on top of the normal influx of candidates for the year.

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