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OSCEs and PBA update

Dear Anthony Atkinson,

Please find below some important updates regarding the upcoming OSCE series and the PBA.

OSCEs

Important steps for candidates completing the October-November OSCE

We have now confirmed the allocations for candidates entering the OSCE series with us between Friday 30 October and Sunday 08 November. A reminder that our timetable is published on our website [here](#).

These candidates must now read the guidance, watch the examination briefing, and complete the candidate entry declaration by **Wednesday 28 October**. These are available under the 'Candidate information' menu on our [OSCE page](#).

We will also publish any specific venue guidance on the website a few days before the OSCEs start.

Please make sure your candidates watch the video, read the Covid-safe guidance document, and sign the declaration.

Any candidate who does not complete the declaration will not be permitted to take their exam. We cannot accept late submissions, any candidate who has not submitted will be withdrawn on Thursday 29 October as we need to confirm the numbers to each venue.

It's important that you ensure candidates read the guidance carefully and are fully prepared with all the required PPE and equipment. Please note that face masks **and** visors are mandatory.

Reserve candidates awaiting their OSCE

If you have any candidates who have not been allocated either a PBA or OSCE assessment date, and wish to complete their OSCE with City & Guilds before the end of this year, please send their details to us using the [OSCE booking form](#) by **Wednesday 28 October**. We will do everything possible to try and ensure they are able to complete their assessment this year.

Please note this refers to any candidate, including those who would have completed the OSCE after 31 July.

The timetable and locations are available on our website:

A screenshot of the City & Guilds OSCE timetable website. The page has a blue header with the City & Guilds logo and the text 'OSCE Covid safe OSCE timetable'. Below the header, there are two tables: 'Candidate entries' and 'Reserve entries'. The 'Candidate entries' table shows dates from Friday 30 October to Sunday 08 November, with columns for 'Candidate', 'Date', 'Time', and 'Venue'. The 'Reserve entries' table shows dates from Friday 30 October to Sunday 08 November, with columns for 'Candidate', 'Date', 'Time', and 'Venue'. The tables are color-coded with green and red cells.

Bookings and results

As we near the end of the PBA phase 1, and plan for the upcoming OSCEs we need to start placing bookings on your behalf, so we can produce results for

your candidates. Over the next few weeks, we will take the following steps:

- Cancel and credit all bookings made on the March, September, and December OSCE series in Walled Garden.
- Re-book all candidates who completed the PBA phase 1 onto the March date. You will be charged the previous fee. This will then be used to produce the candidate results for PBA phase 1.
- Book all candidates who completed the PBA phase 2 onto the June date. You will be charged the previous fee. This will then be used to produce the candidate results for PBA phase 2.
- Book all candidates who complete the OSCE in October-November series onto the September date. You will be charged the previous fee. This will then be used to produce the candidate results for the October-November OSCE.

We will then complete a similar process for the November-December OSCE in the new year shortly before releasing results, this will be on the new fee.

Please do not try to place any bookings yourself on Walled Garden as these will be cancelled and you may still be charged.

OSCE Recognition agreements

Additional capacity with Central Qualifications (CQ)

We have been advised by CQ that they still have several places available on their upcoming OSCE examinations in November. If you have candidates who are still waiting to complete their OSCE and you have not been able to book with us, we strongly advise you contact CQ to discuss whether they are able to help.



Central Qualifications (CQ)

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Entry requirements for OSCE

Centres must ensure that all components for the qualification are completed prior to entering their candidates for an OSCE with an alternative awarding organisation (AO). This includes all centre assessments and the externally marked exams.

You may be asked by the alternative AO to provide a summary for the candidate history which you must obtain from Walled Garden resorts.

The candidate must also have completed the NPL, and IQA must have been completed and signed off internally.

Contact us

For all queries relating to quality assurance, OSCEs and the PBA for Vet Nursing please contact:

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Kind regards,

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