

WEST AFRICAN POSTGRADUATE COLLEGE OF MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE (WAPCMLS)

EXAMINATIONS

Fellowship Examination and Eligibility

The examinations of the College shall be held in April and October of each year or at such other time as may be determined by Council.

The Fellowship examinations of the College shall be conducted in three parts, namely:

- (a) PRIMARY examination in sciences basic to the specialty.
- (b) PART ONE examination in the field and practical aspects of the specialty.
- (c) PART TWO (FINAL) examination.

The details of the various parts of the examinations shall be as approved from time to time by Council on the recommendation to the Court of Examiners.

The examinations shall be conducted at such centers or institutions as the Council may prescribe.

The Chief Examiner of each Faculty shall preside over the setting and moderation of each paper in the examination in each Faculty and shall exercise general supervision over the examination.

The fees for each examination shall be as prescribed by Council from time to time.

(a) Applications for each examination must reach the College not later than two months before the date of each examination.

(b) Each application shall be made on a prescribed form and shall be endorsed by the signatures of two Fellows, who shall by such signatures attest to the good standing of the applicant in the profession in his country. At least one of the Fellows must belong to the Faculty for which the application is being made. At least one of the Fellows shall be resident in the country in which the applicant resides. In exceptional cases, one or both signatories may be members of the College, but shall be members who are acceptable to the College.

(c) Candidates for the Primary Examination must have been fully registered and licensed by the Medical Laboratory Science Regulatory Body of the country in which they practise.

(d) (i) Candidates for the Part I examination must be officially registered as trainees with the College.

(ii) Candidates for the Part I examination must have satisfactorily completed the prescribed period of study by the date of the examination.

(iii) Candidates are limited to three (3) attempts at the Part I examination.

(e) Candidates for the Part II examination must have satisfactorily completed the prescribed period of study by the closing date for applications for the examination.

(f) For an institution to be accredited as a training Centre, the Head of Department must be professionally-qualified with appropriate specialist qualifications.

(g) (i) It shall be the duty of a Head of Department or Centre Coordinator to certify that a candidate in the Part I examination has undergone the prescribed training satisfactorily. The

Head of Department shall have the right to refuse to certify a candidate who has not undergone the prescribed training satisfactorily.

(ii) It shall be the duty of a candidate's named supervisor to certify satisfaction with the standard of a Part II dissertation. The supervisor shall have the right to refuse certification of a dissertation if he is not satisfied with it.

(iii) In respect of (i) and (ii) above, if a candidate is not satisfied with his treatment, he shall have the right of appeal to Council, through the Registrar. The decision of Council shall be final.

(h) Application forms shall be accompanied by the prescribed fees for that examination.

(i) In any case in which the application is not accepted, all fees paid shall be returned to the candidate.

(j) No application for deferment of examination received less than two weeks before the date of examinations will be accepted. Deferred applications will lose 25% of the examination fee as administrative charges. Where a candidate withdraws at least six weeks from the date of examination, 40% of fees shall be refunded but less than six weeks there shall be no refund.

(k) The application of each candidate for examination shall be reviewed by the Chief Examiner on behalf of the relevant Faculty Board.

(l) The Chief Examiner, on behalf of the relevant Faculty Board shall determine whether the candidate has satisfactorily completed the course of training as laid down by regulations, provided that the Board shall be satisfied as to the professional and ethical standing of the candidate.

Internal Assessors shall be appointed for the Fellowship Examinations in each Faculty. Internal Assessors shall be senior Fellows in the Faculty who are of high professional and academic standing. They shall observe and assess the organization, conduct and standards of the examination.

Examination scripts shall be kept for a minimum of three (3) years by the College.

Examination results are subject to the approval of Council.

Council shall draw up regulations for any other examinations approved by the College.