



## Frequently Asked Questions for FFLM Examinations Session 2020/21

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**1. Will the exam fee be fully refunded in the event of the exam having to be cancelled due to COVID-19?**

Yes

**2. Assuming the exam is able to continue on track, what social distancing measures might be planned for the exam room and will this mean the use of alternative locations to house candidates?**

Desks will be 2m apart, separate venues if necessary

**3. The London and Manchester study days have, understandably, had to be cancelled due to COVID-19. Where are plans at in terms of making it a virtual day?**

There will be an examination revision webinar instead

**4. Will this year's exam cover changes in legislation and process due to Covid-19 or will such elements be strictly excluded, e.g. changes in death certification, and others?**

These topics may be included

**5. Is the DLM marking scheme to continue to not involve negative marking?**

Yes

**6. The reading list is wide and extensive. For the DLM would it be realistic to stick to all the material covered save for the additional reading?**

Best to follow the syllabus in the regulations and then use e-learning & reading list as sources/ inspiration

**7. There are sample past questions on the website. However, is it possible to get hold of, for practice, previous past papers?**

No previous past papers are available

**8. If there are problems completing the on-line application form and/or making the payment on-line, who can one contact and by what means? For example, if in the middle of the payment and the screen keeps spinning round, can one telephone someone for help?**

Contact the Examinations Manager, Jay Barton-Costa, on [forensic.medicine@fflm.ac.uk](mailto:forensic.medicine@fflm.ac.uk)

NB: please get Part 1 and DLM applications in by Thursday 02 July 2020 as website is under maintenance on Friday 03 July 2020

Application period for Part 2: Friday 06 November to Friday 04 December

**9. What is the average pass rate for the DLM? Does the pass mark vary year to year?**

Around 45%; MFFLM Part 1 is around 10% higher but they vary a little every year

The pass mark for each exam is calculated each year, using the modified Angoff method: at least 6 examiners decide for each question what percentage of borderline candidates would answer correctly or, for SAQs, what mark a borderline candidate would achieve for each section. These % marks are compared and any discrepancy discussed between the examiners, who may or may not change the mark they have assigned when they hear the rationale of other examiners. The final marks are then converted by a validated algorithm into a pass mark

**10. How many OSCEs can a candidate fail and still pass the exam?**

Five

**11. How many times can the DLM be attempted?**

As many as you like; each with the examination fee

**12. Is the DLM relevant useful for general practitioners?**

The simple answer is yes! From review of the syllabus there are many topics that would be useful for those working in primary care, emergency medicine, and other specialities