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Second Oral Examination

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A second Oral Examination without re-submission of any written submission

In exceptional cases, a candidate may, because of excessive nerves, fail to perform satisfactorily at her/his Oral Examination. In such cases, and where Practice Examiners are agreed that they are unable to solicit sufficient information from the candidate to determine the outcome of the examination as a result of the candidate's excessive nerves, a second Oral Examination may be offered outwith the normal re-sit time-scale, and without requiring the candidate to re-submit any written submission i.e. a second Oral Examination being offered within a number of weeks rather than a year.

It will be for Practice Examiners to exercise their judgement in the application of this regulation. To arrive at the judgement that a candidate is failing because of excessive nerves rather than a deficiency in knowledge, understanding and/or experience, indicators that Practice Examiners should look for include:

- An apparent inability on the candidate's part to process Practice Examiners' questions;
- A lack of coherence in the formulation of responses to questions;
- A significant difference between the quality of the candidate's written submissions and the quality of her/his responses in the Oral Examination; and
- physical signs, including trembling and shaking, rapid breathing, and excessive sweating.

Before applying this regulation, Practice Examiners should pause the Oral Examination and call the candidate's PSA to the examination room in an attempt to calm the candidate. If, and only, after an appropriate pause, the candidate remains unable to engage productively with the Oral Examination because of continued excessive nerves should this regulation be applied.

Any second Oral Examination offered under this regulation will be conducted by the same Practice Examiners as the first Oral Examination at a time and place to be determined by APEAS. Normally, the second Oral Examination will be conducted no earlier than 2 weeks and no later than 4 weeks from the date of the first Oral Examination. The candidate's PSA will be notified of the time and date of the second Oral Examination and will be expected to be in attendance.