

EXAMINATION DATES 2019

WRITTEN EXAMINATION VENUES

Please note that all written examinations will be held in the following venues as standard, unless otherwise specified:

Australia: Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth & Sydney

New Zealand: Auckland and Wellington

Examination venues cannot be changed after the closing date of registration.

ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

All GSSE and early Specialty examinations will be delivered electronically (no paper will be used) and will take place in the locations above.

The written Fellowship examinations are in a period of transition between paper and electronic delivery. Please see the [Fellowship Examination webpage](#) for details of which specialties are being delivered electronically.

GENERIC SURGICAL SCIENCES EXAMINATION (GSSE)

GSSE	Opening Date	Time	Closing Date	Time	Examination date	Locations
SET and JDOC	7 November 2018	12.00 Noon AEDT*	5 December 2018	12.00 Noon AEDT*	13 & 14 February 2019	Standard written venues.
	6 March 2019	12.00 Noon AEDT*	3 April 2019	12.00 Noon AEDT*	12 & 13 June 2019	
JDOC only	10 July 2019	12.00 Noon AEST**	7 August 2019	12.00 Noon AEST**	3 & 4 October 2019	Standard written venues.

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CLINICAL EXAMINATION (CE)

Clinical Examination	Opening Date	Time	Closing Date	Time	Examination date	Locations
SET only	7 November 2018	12.00 Noon AEDT*	5 December 2018	12.00 Noon AEDT*	23 & 24 Feb 2019	Melbourne
SET and JDOC	6 March 2019	12.00 Noon AEDT*	3 April 2019	12.00 Noon AEDT*	22 & 23 June 2019	Adelaide & Auckland
JDOC only	10 July 2019	12.00 Noon AEST**	7 August 2019	12.00 Noon AEST**	12 & 13 Oct 2019	Sydney & Auckland

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Locations & Examination Sessions

The Clinical Examination held in February will be centralised to one Australian venue, and the examinations held in June and October will be centralised to one Australian venue and one New Zealand venue.

Please see the [Conduct of the SET Clinical Examination policy](#) for full details. All candidates wishing to sit the examination must travel to the centralised venue.

When registering for an exam, candidates may select from one of the following sessions:

Examination	Australia sessions	New Zealand sessions
February 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday afternoon • Sunday morning 	n/a
June 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday morning • Saturday afternoon • Sunday morning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday morning • Saturday afternoon
October 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday morning • Saturday afternoon • Sunday morning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday morning • Saturday afternoon

Candidates will sit their exam in one of these sessions and must select their preference when registering for the exam. Each session is subject to minimum (10 candidates)^ and maximum (20 candidates) capacities. A venue notice will be sent to each candidate confirming the session to which he or she has been allocated; this cannot be altered.

Candidates who sit the examination in June and October on Saturday afternoon will be required to arrive early and be “quarantined” prior to the conclusion of the morning exam. The Sunday examination will be comprised of a different set of stations so no quarantine period is applicable.

^Please note that each exam session is subject to a minimum of 10 candidates to run. Candidates who have a preferred venue which does not have a minimum of 10 candidates will be contacted by a RACS staff member to change their venue after the closing date of applications. It cannot be guaranteed that a candidate’s chosen venue will conduct an examination.

SPECIALTY SPECIFIC EXAMINATIONS

Specialty Specific Examinations	Opening Date	Time	Closing Date	Time	Examination date	Locations
Cardiothoracic Surgery - Written Examination	7 November 2018	12.00 Noon AEDT*	5 December 2018	12.00 Noon AEDT*	13 & 14 February 2019	Standard written venues.
	6 March 2019	12.00 Noon AEDT*	3 April 2019	12.00 Noon AEDT*	12 & 13 June 2019	
Cardiothoracic Surgery – Clinical Viva	6 March 2019	12.00 Noon AEDT*	3 April 2019	12.00 Noon AEDT*	24 May 2019	Melbourne
	10 July 2019	12.00 Noon AEST**	7 August 2019	12.00 Noon AEST**	20 September 2019	Adelaide
Orthopaedic Surgery	6 March 2019	12.00 Noon AEDT*	3 April 2019	12.00 Noon AEDT*	12 & 13 June 2019	Standard written venues.
	10 July 2019	12.00 Noon AEST**	7 August 2019	12.00 Noon AEST**	3 & 4 October 2019	
Otolaryngology, Head & Neck Surgery	7 November 2018	12.00 Noon AEDT*	5 December 2018	12.00 Noon AEDT*	15 February 2019	Standard written venues.
	6 March 2019	12.00 Noon AEDT*	3 April 2019	12.00 Noon AEDT*	14 June 2019	
Paediatric Anatomy and Embryology	6 March 2019	12.00 Noon AEDT*	3 April 2019	12.00 Noon AEDT*	Written component: 14 June 2019	Standard written venues.
					Clinical component: 31 August 2019	
Paediatric Pathology and Pathophysiology	6 March 2019	12.00 Noon AEDT*	3 April 2019	12.00 Noon AEDT*	12 June 2019	Standard written venues.
Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery	6 March 2019	12.00 Noon AEDT*	3 April 2019	12.00 Noon AEDT*	12 & 13 June 2019	Standard written venues.
	10 July 2019	12.00 Noon AEST**	7 August 2019	12.00 Noon AEST**	3 & 4 October 2019	

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Urology	6 March 2019	12.00 Noon AEDT*	3 April 2019	12.00 Noon AEDT*	14 June 2019	Standard written venues.
	10 July 2019	12.00 Noon AEST**	7 August 2019	12.00 Noon AEST**	3 October 2019	
Vascular Surgery	7 November 2018	12.00 Noon AEDT*	5 December 2018	12.00 Noon AEDT*	15 February 2019	Standard written venues.
	6 March 2019	12.00 Noon AEDT*	3 April 2019	12.00 Noon AEDT*	14 June 2019	

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FELLOWSHIP EXAMINATION

Fellowship Examination	Specialties	Opening Date	Time	Closing Date	Time	Examination date	Locations
May – New Zealand	General Surgery Orthopaedic Surgery	8 January 2019	12.00 Noon AEDT*	30 January 2019	12.00 Noon AEDT*	Written component: 11 April 2019	Standard written venues
						Clinical/Vivas: 17, 18, & 19 May 2019	Wellington
May - Australia	Cardiothoracic Surgery General Surgery Neurosurgery Orthopaedic Surgery Otolaryngology Paediatric Surgery Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery Urology Vascular Surgery	8 January 2019	12.00 Noon AEDT*	30 January 2019	12.00 Noon AEDT*	Written component: 11 April 2019	Standard written venues
						Clinical/Vivas: 24, 25, 26, & 27 May 2019	Melbourne
September – Australia	Cardiothoracic Surgery General Surgery Neurosurgery Orthopaedic Surgery Otolaryngology Paediatric Surgery Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery Urology Vascular Surgery	15 May 2019	12.00 Noon AEST**	12 June 2019	12.00 Noon AEST**	Written component: 15 August 2019	Standard written venues
						Clinical/Vivas: 20, 21, 22, & 23 September 2019	Adelaide

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