ASMIRT Certifications go electronic

After several years of discussing electronic exams, Saturday 12 May 2018 finally saw our very first cohort of Vascular and Cardiac examinations go live as an electronic exam. From the feedback that we received from these candidates, the process was simple and easy to navigate, and the venues were easily accessible.

From September 2018 all ASMIRT Certifications will be held exclusively at registered Pearson Vue testing centres in the form of computer-based tests. To register for an examination, candidates will need to submit an application form with the appropriate fee to the ASMIRT national office. Once an application and payment has been processed, candidates will be issued with an authorisation ID which will be required to access the Pearson Vue booking system to register for the examination at the required venue (see process in Fig 1). If you are intending to sit the certification examinations, we highly recommend that you refer to the following video to assist your understanding of the format of a Pearson Vue computer-based test: http://www.pearsonvue.com/demo/

What does this mean?

The exciting part about having an electronic examination is that you are not locked into sitting the examination on a Saturday or Sunday only. You will now be able to select from a number of different venues, at different times to suit your busy lifestyles. As the examination in September has been scheduled to run over a period of a week, you can arrange your rosters in advance and choose the day that suits you best. Candidates who live greater than 150 Km from a metropolitan city will also benefit, as there will be locations available in rural locations. If you are a candidate that is rural and would like to sit the examination, please contact our certifications team, to discuss venue options.

Examination Format

The examinations will still be presented in the multiple choice question format using the question pool previously used for the paper based examinations. Instead of answering the questions with a paper and pencil, the questions will be answered on a computer screen using the click of a mouse.

Next Examination

The next examination has been scheduled for the week of Monday 10 September to Friday 14 September 2018. There will be two timeslots to choose from during each of these days. This will assist applicants to organise their rosters in advance and be able to sit the examinations on a weekday, which means freeing up the weekend!
Examination Venues

Examination venues are located all around Australia. Some venues however do not hold very many people during one sitting. Therefore to ensure that you do not miss out, submit your application early, so that you can have choice on where and what time you will sit your examination.

What do you need to do?

Applications for the September examinations will open from Tuesday 26th June. You will have a period of one month to apply to sit any of these certification examinations with the closing date of applications being close of business Friday 27th July. Given the deadlines from Pearson Vue, late submissions will not be accepted. Once an application and payment has been processed, candidates will be issued with an authorisation ID which will be required to access the Pearson Vue booking system to register for the examination at the required venue. The Pearson Vue booking window will open for one week, and this will be confirmed with you when you receive the authorisation ID from ASMIRT.

Fig 1: Electronic exam process.
Future Examinations

The current plan is to still run examinations in March and September. This will be reviewed on a regular basis.

For further enquiries regarding these certification examinations, please contact our team on the following email addresses mri@asmirt.org, ct@asmirt.org, angio@asmirt.org.