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EXAMINATIONS & CREDENTIALS

Dip For Med(SA) Clin Blueprint

This document is to be read in conjunction with the Regulations for Admission to the Diploma in Forensic Medicine of the College of Forensic Pathologists of South Africa (cf: https://www.cmsa.co.za/view_exam.aspx?QualificationID=50) with specific reference to Sections 4, 5 and Appendix B.

Dip For Med (SA) Clin		
Component		Weighting
Written	Written Paper 1	25%
	Written Paper 2	25%
Practical	Practical Examination	25%
	Oral Examination	25%

NB: This document is to be considered as a guideline. The conduct of the examination is prescribed, but the nature and format of questions will not always be exact, as the range of topics overlap and the testing thereof requires integration and consolidation of the subject material.

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Domain: Clinical forensic medicine and the law in relation to the practise of medicine in South Africa

Demonstration of: Theoretical knowledge including application thereof to practical/case-based scenarios

LAWS AND ETHICS (25-35%)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The South African legal system• Medical records• Inquests	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medical evidence• Medical law• Ethics
FORENSIC MEDICINE (35-45%)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sexual offences• Abuse of the elderly and spouse abuse• Non-accidental injury in children• Alcohol• Drugs of dependence and abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Forensic toxicology and poisoning• Torture and treatment of detainees & prisoners• Medico-legal aspects of mental disease as contemplated in the Mental Health Act 18 of 1973• Identification and ageing of the living
TRAUMATOLOGY (25-35%)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Describing and documenting of injuries• Types and complications of injuries• Regional injuries<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Head injuries○ Neck injuries○ Spinal injuries○ Chest injuries○ Pelvi-abdominal injuries○ Limb injuries	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Firearm and explosion injuries• Transportation injuries• Asphyxia• Gaseous poisons and irritants• Immersion-related injuries• Injury due to burns, hypothermia & hyperthermia, electricity and lightning• Pregnancy, abortion and sterilization• Injury in the perinatal period and infancy

Weighting:

- Paper 1 (100 marks; 3 hours): 25% of the overall mark for the Dip For Med (SA) Clin
- Paper 2 (100 marks; 3 hours): 25% of the overall mark for the Dip For Med (SA) Clin

Subminima: Candidates must pass each Paper (i.e. Paper 1 and Paper 2 respectively) with a minimum of 50%

PRACTICAL EXAMINATION: .../

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NB: Candidates will only be invited to the practical examination upon successful completion (i.e. achieving the prescribed subminima) of the written examination (i.e. Papers 1 and 2).

Domain: Clinical forensic medicine and the law in relation to the practise of medicine in South Africa

Demonstration of: Practical application of theoretical knowledge and clinical examinations of forensic importance including diagnostic skills, evidence collection, taking of relevant specimens, principles of the various tests, interpretation of the results and medico-legal significance thereof

The practical examination may include any/all of the following:

- a simulated (full or partial) clinical forensic medical examination
- case files/dockets
- crime kit analysis.

Weighting: 25% of the overall mark for the Dip For Med (SA) Clin

Subminima: Candidates must pass the practical examination with a minimum of 50%

ORAL EXAMINATION:

NB: Candidates will only be invited to the oral examination upon successful completion of the preceding practical examination (i.e. achieving the prescribed subminimum of 50%).

Domain: Clinical forensic medicine and the law in relation to the practise of medicine in South Africa

Demonstration of: Practical application, consolidation and articulation of theoretical knowledge including critical analysis and problem-solving skills as well as appropriate insight into relevant service-related (i.e. operational and management) issues

The oral examination will be approximately 30-45 minutes for each candidate and may include:

- any aspect of clinical forensic medicine and medico-legal practice (as per the prescribed learning outcomes and syllabi/curricula outlined in the Regulations for Admission to the Diploma in Forensic Medicine of the College of Forensic Pathologists of South Africa)
- case files/dockets
- images/photographs.

Weighting: 25% of the overall mark for the Dip For Med (SA) Clin

Subminima: Candidates must pass the oral examination with a minimum of 50%

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