

Guideline on Trainee Status After Completion of 72 Months of Recognised Training

The Council encourages trainees to attempt for College Examinations once they are eligible, that is, after completion of 36 months and 60 months of recognised training (counted up to 30th June of the same calendar year of examination) for Membership Examination and Fellowship Assessment, respectively.

There is a small minority of trainees who have completed 72 months of recognised training but without attempting any College Examinations due to various reasons. As their training in pathology is considered to be completed by the Council, their trainee status will be rendered inactive automatically after completion of this 72 months of recognised training. It is not necessary for an inactive trainee to further submit an annual return via their Educational Supervisor, and no need for him or her to pay for the annual trainee subscription fee.

There will a 36 month grace period after completion of the required 72 months of recognised training for an inactive trainee to apply to sit for college examinations. Thereafter, the College would not have any obligations to arrange the examination for this inactive trainee if he or she is the sole applicant for that specialty for that year. The inactive trainee will ONLY be able to sit for examination if there is another active trainee in that specialty who has successfully applied to sit for examination in that year.