

Examinations – Key Points to Clarify

The FSEM and BASEM Consultation Report articulated the new membership opportunities on P10 – P13. With all the new membership options in the new organisation there is potential for confusion and misunderstanding about where ‘membership’ sits in relation to the current Membership SEM exam. This summary will hopefully clarify and reassure.

Sport and Exercise Medicine (SEM) is a medical specialty recognised by the General Medical Council (GMC) and to complete a higher specialist training (HST) programme to achieve a Certificate of completion of training (CCT) or be successful with a Certificate of Eligibility for Specialist Registration (CESR) application, there remains a requirement for a specialty examination. That is currently both parts of the Membership in Sport and Exercise Medicine exam; Part 1 is a Single Best Answer (SBA) exam, and Part 2 an Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) exam.

That exam **WILL** continue in the future (as our specialty exam) but it will **NO LONGER** be called a Membership exam. This would clearly lead to confusion with all the other routes to full membership of our new organisation. The name of this exam in the future has not yet been agreed, but in the interim, it will be termed ‘**The SEM Specialty exam**’.

We will continue to offer and develop our Diplomas in our three sub-specialty areas; Musculoskeletal Medicine, Exercise Medicine and Team Care. Passing one of these diplomas is the route to Diplomate Membership and passing all three will be the new route to Membership of the new College. **The SEM Specialty Exam** will however remain our specialty exam.

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