

Policy: Consideration of cases of impairment at assessment

Introduction

The College's training and examination processes aim to provide candidates with conditions that allow and encourage performance to the best of their ability.

Illness, accident or disability has the potential to compromise performance. The general principles governing this situation are as follows:

- Candidates should not be disadvantaged unnecessarily as a result of events outside their control. Nevertheless, in seeking to redress any disadvantage, no action should be taken which could be construed to be unfair to other candidates.
- Some guidelines can be formulated for the procedures to be followed in some cases of illness or disability however, it is impossible to foresee every eventuality.
- Where a problem arises which is not covered in the Regulations, instructions to examiners, or these guidelines, advice should be sought from the Manager - Australian College of Physiotherapists and the Chief Censor.

Acute Illness occurring at the time of examination

In the event that an examiner becomes aware that a candidate is ill, he/she should notify the Chief Examiner (or delegate) who will determine whether, in his/her opinion, the illness is incapacitating and then if appropriate, advise the candidate to withdraw and notify the Chief Censor in writing of this action. The Chief Examiner needs to ensure patient safety is maintained at all times.

In the event of illness or disability occurring prior to or during any part of the examination, no special consideration will be given to a candidate who elects to continue with the Examination.

Sudden illness or accident which precludes a candidate from attending all or part of an examination may provide grounds for a rescheduling of the exam. Application for this consideration must be made by the candidate and supported by a medical certificate or any other relevant documentation.

Further action is at the discretion of the Board of Censors, on the advice of the Chief Examiner

Chronic Illness or Disability

Candidates with a chronic illness or disability will not normally be granted any concession with respect to any part of an examination. If a candidate believes that extraordinary consideration should be given to particular circumstances, a fully documented application should be submitted to the Chief Censor at least four weeks prior to the advertised closing date for applications. Further action is at the discretion of the Board of Censors.

Related Documents

ACP Policy - Patient Safety