

## Student Communication

### Dispensing & Contact Lens Examinations Winter 2020 Session – Covid-19



**Update: 5 January 2021**

Dear Students,

Last night, we saw the UK and Scottish Government introduce another national lockdown for England and Scotland, following a further tightening up of the rules for Wales and Northern Ireland.

ABDO have therefore taken the decision to postpone the January/February 2021 Dispensing and Contact Lens Theory & Practical Examinations, as this would involve students having to cross borders to travel to Birmingham and in the current COVID situation it would not be responsible for us to ask this of students, despite our objective to get you through your exams, your safety comes first.

I know this will be devastating news for you all, however, we have made our decision based on current public health advice.

The wellbeing of you all, our staff and patients is our utmost priority. As soon as we are able to do so, we will advise you of a revised examination date for Theory and Practical Exams which we will tentatively plan for March.

I would like to reassure you that we are monitoring the situation closely and working very hard behind the scenes to plan and deliver exams as soon and safely as possible. We sincerely have your best interests at heart in all we are trying to achieve to progress qualifications.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any additional support and we will update you over the coming weeks, with revised provisional examination dates.

Kind regards

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