

Registration Assessment Specification

For sitting in June 2021

General

1. This document describes the Pharmaceutical Society NI's Registration Assessment June 2021.
2. The June Registration Assessment is scheduled for 08 June 2021. Further information about the Autumn assessment will be communicated as soon as possible.
3. Sittings are scheduled in set venues, 'centres', which vary from year to year and sitting to sitting.
4. Candidates must make their own travel arrangements to and from centres.

Centres

5. Each centre will have an assessment hall – where all candidates sit – if candidates have been granted a reasonable adjustment all efforts will be made to meet requirements. However, social distancing and limitations of centres may restrict our ability to meet all requirements.
6. Whilst sitting the assessment, candidates may only have access to equipment that is specified on the [permitted items list](#), unless specific permission has been granted in advance as a reasonable adjustment.
7. Assessment centres are controlled environments, which are invigilated at all times by Pharmaceutical Society NI invigilators.
8. Candidates must arrive in good time to register for both morning and afternoon papers.
9. Candidates are permitted to visit the toilet facilities as required during the sitting. Candidates should raise their hand to draw the attention of an invigilator, who will escort them.

Format of the day

10. The Registration Assessment is in two parts.
11. In this sitting, there are two papers:
 - a. a Part 1, morning, paper of 2 hours; and
 - b. a Part 2, afternoon, paper of 2.5 hours.
12. There will be a lunch break between each paper.

Papers

13. Calculators may be used in the Part 1 assessment paper only.
14. Candidates must bring their own calculator to the Part 1 paper and it must be one of the models specified.
15. For both the Part 1 and Part 2 papers candidates will receive

- a. a question booklet
- b. No reference sources may be brought into the sitting by candidates. A resource pack containing artefacts such as extracts from BNFs, pictures, charts and Summaries of Product Characteristics, will be provided by the Pharmaceutical Society NI on the day of the sitting. This list is not exhaustive.
- c. An answer sheet will be provided.

None of these papers may be removed from the assessment centre by candidates.

16. The specifications for the above papers are:
 - a. Part 1 is printed on paper, with black 12-point text in the main body of the paper; and
 - b. Part 2 is printed on paper with black 12-point text in the main body of the paper.
 - c. The resource packs are printed on paper. Text size will vary and will be unchanged from the original publication. Some reference items will be printed in colour where appropriate.

Answering questions

17. Part 1 answer sheets are pre-printed with spaces for adding numerical answers to calculations questions by hand. Candidates must enter one number per box and align their numerical answer with the pre-printed decimal point.
18. Part 2 answer sheets are pre-printed with space for every question to be answered by selecting one letter from a list (for example selecting 'A' from 'A B C D E').
19. One mark is awarded for each correct answer. No marks are deducted for incorrect answers or omissions.
20. The assessment is not essay-based and the writing of long written answers is not required.

Reasonable adjustments for specific needs

21. Candidates can apply for reasonable adjustments for specific needs. The request must describe what aspect of this specification needs adjusting.
22. Requests must be made in advance of the sitting, in the specified format, and by the specified date.
23. If a candidate has specific needs and wishes to use a calculator that is not one of the models specified, this must be clearly detailed within the adjustment request.