

RVC guidelines for undergraduate and taught Masters' degree* oral examinations by tele-or video-conferencing (*not applicable to the MRes or examinations on distance learning courses)

Students enrolled on undergraduate or taught Masters programmes are expected to be available in person for any oral examination that contributes to their degree on the date they will have been notified of at the start of the course/year of study. Depending on the degree, oral examinations may be held at either the Camden or the Hawkshead campuses.

Students who are for good reason unable to attend in person may make a formal application to Undergraduate or Postgraduate APRICOT (Academic Progress Committee) requesting that an oral examination is held by tele/video-conferencing.

Note

- (i) It is unlikely that a student being in another part of the UK/abroad at the time of the oral will in itself be sufficient justification for approval of the request.
- (ii) In view of condition (1) even if the request has been approved, it may still be necessary for a student to return to RVC for the oral examination.

The following conditions will apply when permission is exceptionally given:

1. The examiners will signify their agreement to taking part.
2. The student must confirm in writing that it is acceptable to him/her that the oral examination takes place by tele/video-conferencing.
3. The date and time of the examination will be determined by the Royal Veterinary College and then agreed with the student.
4. An appropriate person must be identified to be present with the student so as to vouch that his/her answers are unaided and a suitable location agreed. Depending upon individual circumstances, the person and/or location may be nominated/specified by the Course Director or by the student but must always be approved by the Course Director.
5. Any adjustments necessary to take account of an individual's disability must be agreed in advance of the examination. The student will be asked to confirm in writing that appropriate adjustments were made on the day.
6. Any costs incurred by the process such as payment for the accompanying person will be met by the student.
7. The examiners will be asked to write a brief report on their experience of conducting an oral examination by this method for future reference.

Note: Any attempt to complete the oral examination through means considered to be unfair will be regarded as academic misconduct and will be investigated according to the College's procedures.