

**2017 CAAV Examinations - Report on Results
January 2018**

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

84 candidates qualified for Fellowship in the 2017 examinations, the third highest figure in any year.

**2017 Examinations Results - Summary Table
(2016 figures in brackets)**

	Total	Sitting Both Parts	Sitting One Part P/O	W	To Fellowship
Applied	159 (187)				
Sat	147 (175)	123 (145)	15 (12)	9 (18)	
Passed		72 (80)			72 (80)
Passed one part only					
P/O		8 (4)	6 (9)		6 (9)
W		15 (17)		6 (15)	6 (15)
Failed		28 (44)	9 (3)	3 (3)	
Total					84 (104)

Number of Candidates - There were 159 candidates for the 2017 examinations, the drop in numbers by 28 (increases of 11 in 2016, 6 in 2015 and 23 in 2014 after the drop in 2013) is taken (as in 2013) to follow the high number of probationers who passed in 2016 (2012) and not a fall in the underlying entry rate. After 12 withdrawals, 147 (175, 164, 159) actually sat this year. This number was divided between an increased proportion of new candidates (62% (last year 59%, down from 68% in 2015 and 69% in 2014 but above 2013's 56%) and a correspondingly reduced proportion re-sitting after previous attempts (38%; 41% in 2016, 32% in 2015, 31% in 2014 and 44% in 2013).

Number of Fellows - Of these, 84 qualified for Fellowship of the CAAV. This compares with 104 in 2016, 69 (2015), 75 (2014), 68 (2013), 105 (2012), 62 (2011), 31 (2010), 62 (2009), 41 (2008), 46 (2007), 51 (2006), 41 (2005), 39 (2004) and 44 (2003).

The Pass Mark – Fellowship is achieved by gaining 65 per cent of the overall marks available in the examinations – 195 out of 300 – provided at least 60 per cent is achieved in all parts. This treats the examination as a whole and as an assessment of the candidate in the round, rather than in separate Written and combined Practical/Oral. Those who do not achieve Fellowship but did receive 65 per cent in either the Written or the combined Practical/Oral are exempted from re-sitting that part for the following three years.

Marks of 60 per cent or more in any part may be available for this assessment in the following three years.

The work of the Observers and the setting and marking of the national Written papers by the Written Board separately from the work of the Practical Boards are very important assurances when checking for the consistency of the whole examination.

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Average Marks - The average marks for each part of the examination were:

- Practical – 65.05% - at the top of the historic range, higher than last year's 63.43%, 2015's 62.69% and the ten year average of 62.91%.
- Written – 65.16% - again, among the highest figures, slightly higher than last year's 64.77% which saw a notable increase from 2015's 60.81%, 2014's 59.57%, 2013's 60.88% and the previous long run average of 61.57%.
- Oral – 69.01% - within the historic range, up on 2016's 68.08% and 2015's 66.94%, but below 2014's 71.45% and so within the range seen since the 2014 review of the Oral which itself appears to be a return to the pattern of 2010 and earlier, down from 2013's 73.76%.

Pass Rates by Part - The individual parts of the examination saw the following proportions achieve a mark of 65 per cent or more this year:

- The national Written papers – 55% of the candidates taking the Written achieved 65% or more (56% in 2016, 34% in 2015, 48% in 2014, 36% in 2013, 40% in 2012, 41% in 2011, 18% in 2010, 55% in 2009, 38% in 2008, 45% in 2007, 72% in 2006, 51% in 2005, 59% in 2004 and 58% in 2003).
- The Practical – 55% of the candidates taking the Practical achieved 65% or more (45% in 2016, 44% in 2015, 45% in 2014, 43% in 2013, 38% in 2012, 43% in 2011, 41% in 2010, 30% in 2009, 35% in 2008, 50% in 2007, and 33% in 2006)
- The Oral – 67% achieved 65% or more in the Oral (64% in 2016, 61% in 2015, 76% in 2014, 79% in 2013, 83% in 2012, 82% in 2011, 70% in 2010, 64% in 2009, 75% in 2008, 75% in 2007 and 69% in 2006).

While the Practical parts saw a similar level of achievement to those in previous years, the Oral results recovered from last year which saw unusually low marks achieved by some candidates in this part of the examination in which higher marks are more usual. Achievement in the Written part was higher than in recent years.

The combined Practical/Oral saw 62% achieve a combined mark of 65 per cent or more, (51% in 2016, 46% in 2015, 60% in 2014, 58% in 2013, 59% in 2012, 64% in 2011, 59% in 2010, 47% in 2009, 55% in 2008, 66% in 2007, 49% in 2006, 64% in 2005, 53% in 2004, 55% in 2003 and 50% in 2002). The 2015 figure was depressed by the poor marks some candidates achieved in the Oral compared to their Practical marks.

Notes

Twelve candidates withdrew: 12 in 2016, 12 in 2015, 11 in 2014, 14 in 2013, 7 in 2012, 13 in 2011, 11 in 2010, 14 in 2009, 11 in 2008, 7 in 2007, 3 in 2006, 7 in 2005, 6 in 2004 and 3 in 2003.