SUMMARY OF RESULTS

Out of this year’s lower entry, reduced by the circumstances of the pandemic, 37 candidates qualified for Fellowship in the 2020 examinations.

**Number of Candidates** - There were 107 candidates for the 2020 examinations, a fall of 35 from 2019 (a fall of 22 in 2019, an increase of 5 in 2018, fall of 28 in 2017, increases of 11 in 2016, 6 in 2015 and 23 in 2014 after the drop in 2013). After 8 (6) withdrawals, 99 (136, 158 (147, 175, 164, 159) actually sat this year.

This number was divided between 63% of new candidates (64% last year, 72% in 2019, 62% in 2018, 59% in 2016, 68% in 2015, 69% in 2014 and 56% in 2013) and 37% re-sitting after previous attempts (36% in 2019, 28% in 2018, 38% in 2017; 41% in 2016, 32% in 2015, 31% in 2014 and 44% in 2013).

**Number of Fellows** - Of these, 37 qualified for Fellowship of the CAAV. This compares with 79 in 2019 and 83 (2018), 84 (2017), 104 (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.

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

* Practical – 63.93% - 2% down last year’s 65.84% (64.76% in 2018, 65.05% in 2017, 63.43% in 2016, 62.69% in 2015 and the ten year average to 2019 of 63.63%.
* Written – 59.01% - over 4% down on last year’s 64.42% (61.23% in 2018, 65.16% in 2017, 64.77% in 2016, 60.81% in 2015, 59.57% in 2014, 60.88% in 2013, 61.99% in 2012, 59.78% in 2011, 55.41% in 2010 and the ten year average to 2019 of 61.40%.
* Oral – 68.86% - very slightly down on last year’s 69.24% and much the same as 2018’s 68.89% and 2017’s 69.01% but up on 2016’s 68.08% and 2015’s 66.94% 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%. The average for 2014 to 2019 was 68.93%.

**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 – 29% of the candidates taking the Written achieved 65% or more (52% in 2019, 41% in 2018, 58% in 2017, 60% in 2016, 43% 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 – 49% of the candidates taking the Practical achieved 65% or more (57% in 2019, 56% in 2018, 55%% in 2017; 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 – 66% achieved 65% or more in the Oral (71% in 2019, 67% in 2018, 67% in 2017, 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 57% achieve a combined mark of 65 per cent or more, (63% in 2019, 61% in 2018, 62% in 2017, 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).

**2020 Examinations Results - Summary Table**

**(2019 figures in brackets)**

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|  |  | **Total** | **Sitting**  | **Sitting One Part** | **To** |
|  |  |  |  | **Both Parts** |  **P/O** | **W** | **Fellowship** |
| **Applied** |  | 107 | (142) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Sat** |  | 99 | (136) |  73 | (117) | 9 | (4) | 17 | (15) |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Passed** |  |  |  | 24 | (62) |  |  |  |  |  | 24 (62) |
| **Passed one part only**  | **P/O** |  |  | 13  |  (14) | 0 | (3) |  |  |  | 9 (3) |
|  | **W** |  |  |  7 | (10) |  |  | 0 | (8) |  |  4 (14) |
| **Failed** |  |  |  | 42 | (33) | 0 | (1) | 13 | (1) |  |  |
| **Total** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 37 (79) |
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**Notes**

Eight candidates withdrew: 6 in 2019, 6 in 2018, 12 in 2017, 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.