

2022 CAAV Examinations – Initial Summary Report on Results

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

This year's higher entry, matching that from 2019 before the pandemic, saw 72 candidates qualify for Fellowship in the examinations.

Number of Candidates - 141 candidates applied for the 2022 examinations, 19 more than in 2021's 122 which was 15 more than 2020's 107. That first year of the pandemic saw a fall of 35 from 2019's 142. 2018 had 164, 2017 had 159, 2016 187, 2015 176, 2015 170 and 2014 147). After 9 (2, 8, 6) withdrawals, 132 (120, 99, 136, 158, 147, 175, 164, 159) actually sat this year.

This number was divided between 71% of new candidates (59% last year, 63% in 2020 64% in 2019, 72% in 2018, 62% in 2016, 59% in 2015, 69% in 2014 and 56% in 2013) and 29% re-sitting after previous attempts (41% last year, 37% in 2020, 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, 72 qualified for Fellowship of the CAAV. This compares with 75 last year, 37 in 2020, 79 (2019), 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 – 64.60% - 65.63% in 2021 at the top end of the recent range, and 63.93% in 2020 (65.84% in 2019, 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 – 61.01% - 66.08% in 2021, the highest in recent years, and 59.01% in the main year of the pandemic 2020 (64.42% in 2019, 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 – 69.93% - 66.92% in 2021 and 68.86% in 2020 (69.24% in 2019, 68.89% in 2018, 69.01% in 2017, 68.08% in 2016, and 66.94% in 2015 and in 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 – 39% of the candidates taking the Written achieved 65% or more (63% in 2021, 29% in 2020, 52% in 2019, 41% in 2018, 58% in 2017, 60% in 2016,

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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 – 53% of the candidates taking the Practical achieved 65% or more (54% in 2021, 49% in 2020, 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 – 69% achieved 65% or more in the Oral (62% in 2021, 66% in 2020, 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).

As an overall summary (and recognising that 2021 saw a recovery from the 2020 examinations sat in what might well have been in the most adverse circumstances for preparation known), the pattern of average marks has now returned to a more normal pattern between the parts but giving a pass rate above 50%.

The combined Practical/Oral saw 61% achieve a combined mark of 65 per cent or more, (60% in 2021, 57% in 2020, 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).

2021 Examinations Results - Summary Table
(2020 figures in brackets)

	Total	Sitting Both Parts	Sitting One Part P/O	W	To Fellowship
Applied	141 (122)				
Sat	132 (120)	114 (96)	10 (6)	8 (18)	
Passed		61 (55)			61 (55)
Passed one part only					
P/O		9 (6)	8 (4)		8 (4)
W		2 (12)		4* (16)	3 (16)
Failed		42 (23)	2 (2)	4 (2)	
Total					72 (75)

Notes

* One candidate sat the Written part only and passed but, not having sat the Practical/Oral, did not proceed to Fellowship.

Nine candidates withdrew: 2 in 2021, 8 in 2020, 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.