



# Challenge Examination in Medical Terminology

To understand and interpret the content of medical records and the classification system being used introductory clinical coders need to have a detailed and precise knowledge of medical terminology and some understanding of medical science and pharmacology.

To ensure students applying for enrolment in Introductory ICD-10-AM, ACHI and ACS have this level of knowledge HIMAA will only accept enrolments from students who have

- successfully completed HIMAA Comprehensive Medical Terminology
- or**
- passed the HIMAA Challenge Examination in Medical Terminology

within twelve months of the intake dates for enrolment in Introductory ICD-10-AM, ACHI and ACS.

## Note

**ALL** students enrolling in Introductory ICD-10-AM, ACHI and ACS must be assessed by HIMAA Education Services.

## Suitable candidates for the Challenge Examination in Medical Terminology

Students with a current **comprehensive** medical terminology background. For example:

- ❖ registered nurses
- ❖ overseas medical practitioners
- ❖ graduates of medical science degrees

## Examination content

The Challenge Examination in Medical Terminology is a ninety minute written paper and will examine your ability to

- define and explain the meaning of medical terms
- spell medical terms correctly
- analyse medical terms and divide them into

roots, prefixes, suffixes and combining forms

- expand common abbreviations used in medical records
- explain the difference between medical terms which look or sound similar

There may be questions related to the anatomy, physiology, symptoms, diagnoses and procedures associated with the following body systems

- digestive
- urinary
- male reproductive
- female reproductive
- nervous
- cardiovascular
- musculoskeletal
- endocrine
- metabolic
- skin
- blood & immune
- respiratory

and questions about

- obstetrics
- neonatology
- pharmacology
- eye and ear
- oncology
- infectious diseases
- psychiatry

## Sample questions and answers

To assist you in deciding whether or not you should sit the Challenge Examination in Medical Terminology or complete the HIMAA Comprehensive Medical Terminology course **sample questions with answers and how to assess your results** are available from the Administration Officer HIMAA Education Services.

email [education@hima.org.au](mailto:education@hima.org.au)

## Examination dates

There are two dates scheduled for the Challenge Examination in Medical Terminology and you must sit on one of these dates

**3 MAY 2010**

**Applications close 26 March**

Examination date for 12 July 2010 intake for Introductory ICD-10-AM, ACHI and ACS.

## **30 NOVEMBER 2009**

### **Applications close 16 October**

Examination date for 12 March 2011 intake for Introductory ICD-10-AM, ACHI and ACS.

### **Challenge Examination pass mark**

**A minimum mark of 80%** for the Challenge Examination in Medical Terminology is required to be eligible to enrol in Introductory ICD-10-AM, ACHI and ACS.

The Challenge Examination in Medical Terminology result is valid for twelve months from the date of sitting the Challenge Examination (please refer to examination dates above).

The Challenge Examination in Medical Terminology paper will not be returned to you.

If you fail the Challenge Examination in Medical Terminology, and it is recommended by the examiner, you may apply to resit the examination on a date arranged between the examiner and you.

Payment of another fee is required.

### **Examination venue and supervisor**

You are not required to attend an examination venue away from where you live. However it is your responsibility to find an appropriate supervisor and venue.

Appropriate supervisors for the examination include

- a supervisor or manager at your workplace (does not have to be in the health industry)
- teacher
- minister of religion
- police person
- Justice of the Peace.

### **Applying for the examination and fee**

You are required to complete an Application for Challenge Examination in Medical Terminology and a Supervisor Nomination form and to pay a fee.

The fee for the Challenge Examination in Medical Terminology **for Australian candidates** is **\$175.00** (includes GST) and **AUD234.00** for **overseas candidates** (except New Zealand).

A surcharge of 2% will be added to fees paid by credit card.

Submission of the application form indicates that you have read and understood these policies and fees.

Current financial members of HIMAA and CCSA (except New Zealand members) are eligible for a discount of 10% on all HIMAA Education Services fees. Please see the application form for discounted fees.

New Zealand candidates please visit our website or contact the Administration Officer Education Services.

### **Note**

**THERE IS NO REFUND OF THE FEE**

### **Certificate**

When you pass the Challenge Examination in Medical Terminology, if you require a Certificate, you will need to complete an Application for Certificate and pay an additional fee.

The Certificate fee for Australian and New Zealand candidates is **\$58.00** and for other overseas candidates is **AUD67.00**

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