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### EXAMINATIONS & CREDENTIALS

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## Criteria for Medals and Certificates of Merit for the College of Anaesthetists of South Africa

The College of Anaesthetists values academic and clinical excellence and awards medals and certificates of merit to candidates performing well in the DA(SA), Primary, Fellowship and Subspecialty examinations.

The following achievements are recognised:

### 1. Diploma in Anaesthesia

**1.1 Certificates of Merit** will be awarded to all candidates scoring on or above 25% of the COHEN 65 mark for the written exam.

#### 1.2 Medal for excellent results

The Medal is awarded to a candidate who achieves the highest marks in the written component of the Diploma examination of the College of Anaesthetists of South Africa. As of 1998, the SASA JOHN COUPER MEDAL replaced the South African Society of Anaesthetists Medal, endowed in 1979. This change was made to pay tribute to the lifelong contribution of the late Professor John Couper to the affairs of anaesthesia and his contributions to anaesthetic training and practice in South Africa.

The Medal will only be awarded to the best candidate for the year (semester 1 and semester 2 exams).

The best-performing candidate **for the year** will thus be determined considering the Cohen standard setting pass mark of candidates from both semesters.

### 2. FCA Part One Exam

**2.1 Certificates of Merit** will be awarded to all candidates scoring on or above 25% of the COHEN 65 mark **aggregated for the three primary subjects** (Physics and Clinical Measurement, Pharmacology, and Physiology).

#### 2.2 Medals for excellent results

##### 2.2.1. Highest aggregate mark for all three subjects:

**THE JANSSEN RESEARCH FOUNDATION MEDAL IN ANAESTHETICS** was endowed in 1988 and is awarded to a candidate who achieves the highest **overall aggregated mark** in the three subjects of the Part I examination of the Fellowship of the College of Anaesthetists of South Africa.

### 2.2.2 Highest Mark in Pharmacology

As of 1998, **THE ABBOTT MEDAL** replaced the Hoechst Medal, endowed in 1974 and awarded to candidates who achieve excellent results in the **Pharmacology** section of Part I of the Fellowship examination of the College of Anaesthetists of South Africa.

### 2.2.3 Highest mark in Physics and Clinical Measurement

**THE HYMIE SAMSON MEDAL** was endowed in 1984 by the Samson family and is awarded to candidates who obtain excellent results in the **Physics and Clinical Measurement** Section of Part I of the Fellowship examination of the College of Anaesthetists of South Africa.

### 2.2.4 Highest Mark in Physiology

**THE GLAXOSMITHKLINE MEDAL** was endowed in 2006 and is awarded to candidates who achieve excellence in the **Physiology** section of Part I of the College of Anaesthetists of South Africa Fellowship examination.

The Medals will only be awarded to the best candidate for the particular year (semester 1 and semester 2 exams) in each medal category.

The best-performing candidates **for the year** in each category will thus be determined considering the Cohen standard-setting pass mark of candidates from both semesters.

*Please note that the criteria for the primary examination apply to examinations on or before the second semester of 2023. They will be revised with the implementation of the integrated primary examinations in the first semester of 2024.*

## 3. FCA Part Two exam

### 3.1 Certificates of Merit:

All candidates scoring on or above 25% of the aggregated pass mark for the written and oral examinations will be awarded a certificate of merit.

### 3.2 Medals for excellent results:

- In 1992 **THE CREST HEALTHCARE TECHNOLOGY MEDAL** replaced the Medshield Medal, originally endowed by Afrox in 1957. The Medal is awarded to candidates who achieve the **highest overall** results in the Fellowship examination of the College of Anaesthetists of South Africa.
- **THE JACK ABELSOHN MEDAL AND BOOK PRIZE** are awarded to candidates who achieve excellent results in the **Clinical Section** of the Fellowship examination of the College of Anaesthetists of South Africa. The late Dr Jack Abelsohn, an Associate Founder of the CMSA who died in 1980, bequeathed a sum of money for the establishment of this prize in Anaesthesia, and a subsequent donation by the South African Society of Anaesthetists made it possible to offer a book prize with the Medal.

The Medals will only be awarded to the best candidate for the particular year (semester 1 and semester 2 exams) in each medal category. The best-performing candidates **for the year** will thus be determined considering the standard-setting pass marks of candidates from both semesters.

## **4. Subspecialty Certificate in Critical Care**

### **4.1 Certificates of Merit**

All candidates scoring 75% and above for the written and oral examinations will be awarded certificates of merit.

### **4.2 Medals for excellent results**

There are currently no existing medals endowed to the Critical Care Subspecialty examination.

The CASA council will decide on the Medal awards at the council meeting after the second-semester exam – when both sets of marks and the convenor reports are available.

The Certificates of Merit will be awarded for each examination.

Medals and Certificates will be awarded at the graduation ceremony attended by the recipient. They will also be published in the yearly Transactions Journal.