

## **Legal Profession Admission Board**

**March 2021**

**Health Law**

### **Examiner's comments**

#### General observations

1. All topics in the course were covered in the examination questions, including the topic "consent" which was the focus of the compulsory assignment. In this regard, given that there was no choice of questions, it was imperative that candidates covered the full range of Topics including consent, capacity, substitute decision-making, negligence, death and dying, organ donation and public health.
2. It was the expectation of the examiner that candidates would be conversant with the commentary and lecture synopses in the Law Extension Committee's subject guide together with the scholarly literature, decided cases and statutes in the readings. In answering the questions, candidates generally displayed a sound understanding of the principles of health law and the practical application of those principles.
3. Twenty candidates sat the examination. Final marks were in the range 59% to 85%. Seven candidates were awarded a Pass Distinction grade, 12 candidates were awarded a Pass Merit grade and 1 candidate was awarded a Pass grade. The final marks and grades were consistent generally with past examinations.
4. As the examination was a confidential examination, these comments cannot identify the specific issues in the questions.

#### Questions

The examination comprised two questions worth equal marks. Candidates were required to attempt both questions. Question 1 was a multi-issue problem question requiring candidates to examine issue of consent, duty of care, negligence and abortion. Question 2 was also a multi part question but it was concerned with death and dying and organ donation.