

FAQs – Most frequently asked questions

Who can enrol in the TEE Accreditation process?

Qualified echocardiographers performing, interpreting and reporting transesophageal echocardiographic studies unsupervised can enrol in the TEE Accreditation process.

How can the candidate prepare for the exam?

- Qualified echocardiographers performing, interpreting and reporting routinely TEE studies unsupervised on a regular basis should be in a good position to successfully take the Accreditation Process.
- It is recommended that the candidate reads the [Core Syllabus](#) in Echocardiography since the Accreditation examination relates to it.
- An online library of cases in cardiac imaging and echocardiography is available from the [EAE website](#). This case library and the image gallery have been developed to create a comprehensive library of cardiac images and clinical cases in echocardiography online.

How often does Accreditation Exams in TEE take place?

Accreditation Exams in TEE are run twice a year:

- during EUROECHO Congress in December
- during EACTA Congress in June

Upcoming exams dates can be found [here](#).

What happens if the candidate registered online for the exam but is unable attend?

In the event that a participant wishes to cancel his/her registration to the Accreditation exam, he/she is requested to inform the EAE Accreditation office in writing at accreditationEAE@escardio.org. Up to 2 weeks prior the event, a refund of fees will be made. After this deadline, the candidate will be charged with a penalty of 50% of the accreditation cost and refunded the difference.

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In case of unforeseen circumstances (such as death in the family, on-call at the hospital, accident of the candidate...), a proof document will be required and the candidate will be refunded with the entire registration fee.

How to obtain EAE accreditation in TEE?

The Accreditation includes 2 parts:

1- Theoretical part: a written exam based on 2 MCQs:

- Reporting (50 questions – 110 mn) consisting of on screen displayed echos.
- Theory (100 questions – 145 mn)

Cut off scores: 32/50 and 65/100 (subject to changes on each exam results).

2- Practical part: logbook section

Upon passing the Theoretical part, candidates have to submit a logbook consisting of 125 TEE reports (75 if already accredited in TTE).

How long does it take to get the results of the written exam?

Results of the written exam will be sent to the candidate by email (using the e-mail address provided when registering for the Accreditation) within two months of the candidate sitting the exam.

In any case of change of your e-mail address, please ensure that you update your My ESC Account to receive update from the Accreditation Office.

What happens if the candidate fails the written section?

If a candidate fails the written exam, he/she will have the opportunity to re-sit the written exam at the next session for a reduced fee of 100 Euros. S/he will have to register again on the EAE website.

Can a candidate appeal on the results of his/her written results?

YES

If a candidate contests his/her mark and wants it to be manually remarked, s/he will be charged 50 Euros.

What happens after the candidate successfully passed the written exam?

Within one year of successfully completing the written examination, the candidate will be asked to submit a log book consisting of 125 TEE cases performed by the candidate within a 12 months

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period (within 1 year before and 1 year after passing the written exam). More details on the log book can be found [here](#).

Failure to submit the log book within one year of passing the written exam will require the candidate to re-sit the entire Accreditation Process (from scratch).

What happens if the candidate passed the written exam for TEE and was already awarded with a diploma for TTE from the European Association of Echocardiography?

Even if a candidate holds a TTE diploma, he/she will still have to submit the TEE logbook after passing the TEE written exam, but only 75 cases.

Candidates in this case, will be asked to provide a copy of their TTE valid accreditation diploma when submitting their TEE logbook.

Is there any mutual recognition if a candidate already holds a nationally recognised Accreditation Diploma?

Candidates holding nationally recognised Accreditation diploma can benefit from mutual recognition agreements after passing the Theoretical part of the Accreditation.

Upon presentation of copy of their diploma, they can claim for EAE Accreditation diploma (and vice-versa)

The general conditions of mutual recognition are to be found at:

<http://www.escardio.org/communities/EAE/accreditation/Pages/national-accreditation-recognition.aspx>

How long does it take to get the results of the practical assessment?

Results of the logbook assessment will be sent to the candidate by email (using the e-mail address provided when registering for the Accreditation) within 6 months of the candidate submitting his/her log book.

What happens if the candidate passes the written session but fails the practical session?

If a candidate fails the practical process (after successfully passing the written exam) and still wants to take the accreditation, he/she will have to re-sit the entire accreditation process (written + practical) for a reduced fee.

In the mean time, the candidate can raise an appeal to the Accreditation Committee through the Accreditation Office.

The appeal procedure for re-evaluation of a logbook is charged 50 Euros.

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What happens after successful completion of the entire accreditation process (written + practical)?

Upon successful completion of the entire accreditation process (written + practical), the candidate will be awarded an Accreditation Diploma in Transesophageal Echocardiography (which will be sent by post) which will remain valid for 5 years before re-accreditation is required.

For how long is the Accreditation Diploma in TEE valid?

The Accreditation Diploma in TEE will remain valid for 5 years before re-accreditation is required. The re-accreditation procedure is still being developed. The re-accreditation criteria can be found on the EAE web pages: [www.escardio.org\EAE](http://www.escardio.org/EAE) section 'Accreditation'.

How much does it cost to take the EAE Accreditation Diploma?

Different fees apply depending on the date of enrolment of the candidate and whether s/he is an EAE member and if this is the first attempt to obtain the EAE Accreditation Diploma. See below tables for details.

	Early fee	Onsite fee
Standard	200	250
EAE members	170	200
Resit	100	150

Appendix: Mark Sheet

Questions
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MULTIPLE-CHOICE EXAMINATION ANSWER SHEET

Single Best

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