

# European Association of Cardiovascular Imaging

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# USER GUIDE – Echo CHD FAQs

## Most frequently asked questions

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### 1. Who can enroll in the Echo CHD Certification process?

Qualified doctors and echocardiographers who regularly perform, interpret and report CHD echocardiograms should be in a good position to successfully complete the Certification process.

### 2. How can the candidate prepare for the exam?

- The candidate should read the Core Syllabus in CHD Echocardiography to ensure they have learned examined topics
- An online library of cases in cardiac imaging and echocardiography is available from the EACVI 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.
- In addition there are recommended textbooks and reading materials which can be found on the EACVI website.

### 3. How often do Certification Exams in Echo CHD take place?

Certification Exams in Echo CHD are run once a year during the EUROECHO & other Imaging Modalities Congress in December. Upcoming exams dates can be found [here](#).

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### **4. How is EACVI Certification in Echo CHD obtained?**

The candidate has to pass two sections over a period of 2 years:

1. Theoretical based on Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs):
  - a. Reporting – 50 MCQs to be answered in 1h30 based on echocardiograms
  - b. Theory – 75 MCQs to be answered in 1h50 hours
2. Practical Logbook:

Upon passing the exam, candidates have to submit a logbook consisting of 250 CHD echocardiograms presented as a summary list, and 10 DOPS (Direct Observation of Procedural Skills by an accredited supervisor) reports performed and written within the 2 years spanning the exam (12 months on either side of the exam date). More information on logbooks can be found [here](#).

### **5. What happens if the candidate registered online for the exam but is unable attend?**

In the event that a participant wishes to cancel their registration for the Certification exam, written confirmation to [the Certification team](#) is required. Details on the [cancellation policy and refunds can be found here](#).

In the case of unforeseen circumstances (such as death in the family, on-call at the hospital or a medical emergency), a proof document will be required; upon receipt the candidate will be refunded the entire registration fee.

### **6. How long does it take to get the results of the exam?**

Results of the exam will be sent to the candidate by email (using the e-mail address provided when registering for the Certification) within **2 months** of the candidate sitting the exam. Please ensure that your personal details on your MyESC account are up-to-date, as these are essential to maintain correspondence links with the ESC Certification office.

### **7. What happens if the candidate fails the exam?**

If a candidate fails the exam, they will have the opportunity to re-sit at the next session for a reduced fee of 150 Euros, but will have to register on the EACVI website again.

### **8. What happens after the candidate successfully passed the exam?**

Within one year of successfully completing the examination, the candidate will be asked to submit an eLogbook. Candidates have to submit their logbook consisting of the 250 case summary list and 10 DOPS. Failure to submit the logbook within one year of sitting the exam will require the candidate to re-sit the entire Certification process.

### **9. Is there any mutual recognition if a candidate already holds a nationally recognised Certification Certificate?**

The conditions of mutual recognition could be found on the ESC website.

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### **10. 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 "MyESC" email address) within 6 months of the candidate submitting their log book.

### **11. What happens if the candidate passes the exam but fails the practical session?**

If a candidate fails the practical process (after successfully passing the exam), and still wants to take the Certification, they will have to re-sit the entire certification process (exam + practical) for a reduced resit fee of 150 Euros. In the interim, the candidate can raise an appeal to the Certification Committee through the Certification Office for a fee of 100 Euros.

### **12. What happens after successful completion of the entire certification process (exam + practical)?**

Upon successful completion of the entire certification process, the candidate will be awarded a Certificate in CHD Echocardiography, which will be sent by post and will remain valid for 5 years before re-certification is required.

### **13. What happens if the candidate passed the written exam for Echo CHD and has already been fully certified in EACVI TTE?**

The candidate will still have to submit a logbook with the full 250 Echo CHD cases included.

### **14. How long is the Certification certificate in Echo CHD valid?**

Certification in Echo CHD will remain valid for 5 years before re-certification is required. Information on the re-certification procedure is [available here](#).

### **15. How much does it cost to register for the EACVI Certification?**

Different fees apply depending on the date of enrolment of the candidate (an early-bird fee is available), whether they are an EACVI member and whether this is their first attempt at obtaining Certification. You can access the [registration fee table here](#).