

# European Association of Cardiovascular Imaging

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### USER GUIDE – TTE FAQs

### Most frequently asked questions

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#### Who can enroll in the TTE Certification process?

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

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

- Qualified doctors and echocardiographers who regularly perform, interpret and report TOE studies should be in a good position to successfully complete the Certification process.
- It is recommended that the candidate reads the Core Syllabus in Echocardiography since the certification examination relates to it.
- 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 is a list of recommended reading material which can be found on the website.

#### How often does Certification Exams in TTE take place?

Certification Exams in TTE are run twice a year:

- During EuroEcho & other Imaging Modalities Congress in December
- During ESC Congress in August/September

Upcoming exams dates can be found in the [exam calendar](#).

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### 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 Certification exam, written confirmation to [the Certification team](#) is required. Details on the cancellation policy and refunds can be found [here](#).

### 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. Ensure your MyESC account is up-to-date according to any email changes as this is essential in order to maintain correspondence links with the ESC Certification office.

### What happens if the candidate fails the exam?

Please note that there is no appeal process following written exam section of the certification process. The results are final.

However, if a candidate fails the exam, they will have the opportunity to re-sit a later session for a reduced fee. Further information on the fees can be found [on the website](#).

### 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 electronically (eLogbook) consisting of 6 TTE anonymous studies performed by them within a 12 months period (taken from a window of 1 year before until 1 year after passing the written exam).

More information on the logbook can be [found here](#).

Failure to submit the logbook up to 12 months after the date candidates receive their exam results, within 1 year of passing the exam, will require the candidate to re-sit the entire Certification Process from scratch.

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

The conditions of mutual recognition are to be [found here](#).

### 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 Certification) within 6 months of the candidate submitting his/her log book.

### 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 re-sit fee.

In the meantime, the candidate can raise an appeal to the Certification Committee through the Certification Office – for further information click [here](#).

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#### **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 Transthoracic Echocardiography (sent by email) which will remain valid for 5 years before re-certification is required.

Please note that the certificate contains no signatures. This is the officially approved, recognised and validated certificate and no alternative can be provided.

#### **For how long is the Certification certificate in TTE valid?**

The Certification Certificate in TTE will remain valid for 5 years before re-certification is required.

The re-certification procedure is available [here](#).

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

Different fees are applicable. You can access the registration fee table [here](#).