



# European Heart Rhythm Association

## Certification in Invasive Cardiac Electrophysiology (EP)

### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

#### 1. Who can enroll in the EHRA EP Certification process?

Any physician (Medical diploma issued by a National Authority) who performs in the field of Invasive Clinical Electrophysiology (both diagnostics and ablations).

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

Candidates have access to:

- Topic distribution list
- A representative sample of 20 MCQs
- A suggested reading list/educational material

All this is available on the ESC website.

<https://www.escardio.org/Education/Career-Development/Certification/Invasive-cardiac-electrophysiology>

- A Core Curriculum was published in 2009: [Core Curriculum for the Heart Rhythm Specialist: executive summary – Europace \(2009\) 11,1381-1386](#)

#### 3. How often does the Certification Exam in EP take place?

The EP exam is usually held once a year during the EHRA's annual congress.

#### 4. What happens if you registered online for the exam but are unable to attend?

If you wish to cancel your registration to the Certification exam, a written confirmation to [ESC Contact Us](#) is required.

Details on the cancellation policy and refunds can be found [here](#).

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

Results of the written exam will be sent by email (using the email address registered in your MyESC account) 2 months after the exam has taken place.

Please update your 'My ESC account' to update any email change as this is essential in maintaining correspondence with the ESC certification office.





## 6. What happens after you successfully pass the exam?

Once you successfully pass the exam, you will be awarded an electronic Certification diploma. This diploma states that you are now EHRA certified Electrophysiology Specialist **Level 1** (ECES level 1).

If you want to apply for the **Level 2**, you will be asked to submit a logbook within 2 years of sitting the written examination. This logbook consists of 200 EP procedures with a significant amount of catheter manipulation and interpretation of the electrograms. Diagnostic EP procedures, where no ablation is performed, can also be included in the total number of cases. However, a diagnostic EP study conducted in the context of ablation cannot be included in the logbook as a separate procedure.

EP procedures must include at least the minimum number from each of the ablation categories listed below:

- VNRT - 15
- Accessory pathway (concealed or manifest) - 15
- Cavo-Tricuspid Isthmus (CTI) for typical atrial flutter - 25
- Non-CTI atrial tachycardia - focal or reentrant - 10
- AV node - ablation - 5
- AF ablation - 50
- VT/PVC ablation in normal hearts - 5
- VT/PVC ablation in structural heart disease - 5

Cases must be collected during 2 consecutive years. You can start compiling your logbook before sitting the written exam. These consecutive years can be taken from 2 years before, up to 2 years after passing the exam. The logbook must be sent through the e-logbook platform: All information to access the e-Logbook platform will be sent to candidates upon passing the exam.

Upon successful completion of the both the exam and the practical part, you will be awarded an EHRA Certified Electrophysiology Specialist **Level 2** (ECES level 2) certification diploma.

The EP Certification diploma will remain valid for 10 years before re-certification is required.

