

User Guide – HFA FAQs Most frequently asked questions

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1. Who can enroll in the Heart Failure Association certification exam?

Future candidates should either have completed the General Cardiology training in their own country, or be in their final year of cardiology training in their own country.

Besides, only members of the Heart Failure Association can take part in the certification exam (visit the [membership webpage](#) for further information).

2. How can the candidate prepare for the exam?

- Read the Heart Failure Specialist Curriculum to determine the exact scope of what you need to know
- Use the [HFA Online Educational Modules](#) to help cover the topics
- Read a [textbook of Heart Failure](#) Cardiology
- Read the ESC [HFA Guidelines](#), position statements and consensus documents

3. How often does the certification exam in heart failure take place?

Certification exam in heart failure will take place once a year, during the Heart Failure Congress. Upcoming exam dates can be found in the “Congresses and events” section of the ESC website.

4. How is heart failure certification obtained?

The candidate has to pass the HF written examination. The duration of the written examination is 3 hours. It will be delivered on Ipads and consists of 100 multiple choice questions (MCQs) with 5 options, based on single best answer (no negative marking).

5. What happens if the candidate fails the exam?

If a candidate fails the exam, s/he will have the opportunity to re-sit it at the next session. S/he will have to register again on the HFA certification webpage as soon as registrations open.

6. Is there any practical part to complete in order to get HFA certification?

Not at the moment, logbooks and assessment of other skills are being developed.

7. 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 email address provided when registering for the certification) within two 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.

8. How much does it cost to register for the HFA certification?

Different fees apply depending of the category of membership. You can access the registration fee table on the [HFA certification webpage](#).

9. How do I get confirmation of my registration?

You will receive an email confirmation of your payment with your invoice within a week after having submitted your payment. This email confirms that you have successfully registered to 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.

10. Can I register on site during the Congress?

There will be no registration on site. You can register online until one week before the exam.

11. Do I have to register for the Heart Failure Congress in order to take the exam?

You do not need to also register for the corresponding congress if you don't want to attend it. However, you will only have access to exam facilities.

12. Will I benefit from a reduced registration fee if I do not attend the Congress?

Exam registration fees are based on your level of membership and are not related to Congress fees. All fees can be found on the HFA certification website.

13. What do I need to bring the day of the exam?

The day of the exam, you will need to present a photo ID document to confirm your identity.

14. What happens if the candidate registered online is unable to attend?

In the event that a participant wishes to cancel his/her registration to the certification exam, within the cancellation deadline, written confirmation [to the Certification team](#) is required. Details on the cancellation policy and refunds can be found on the HFA certification webpage.