

## 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](#).

### **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 [ESCcertification@escardio.org](mailto:ESCcertification@escardio.org) 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](#).

### **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](#).