

Terms and Conditions for Exam Registration at ESC

By registering to an ESC Certification Examination, you fully accept all Terms and Conditions of Registration as further detailed:

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DEFINITION

Candidate: refers to the persons who take the Exam. Eligibility is described for each examination on the ESC website (<https://www.escardio.org/Education/Career-Development/Certification>);

ESC: European Society of Cardiology, headquarter located: 2035 route des Colles, Les Templiers, CS 80179 Biot, 06903 Sophia Antipolis, France;

Exam: refers to the exercise designed to test qualification and/or knowledge for delivering the ESC Certifications;

Fee: refers only to the rates including the registration. Travel and accommodation fees are not included.

Re-sit: refers to the opportunity to take again the Exam as per respective conditions (refer to respective certification programmes for details from the ESC website. <https://www.escardio.org/Education/Career-Development/Certification>).

REGISTRATION AND PREPARATION FOR THE EXAM

The European Society of Cardiology is organizing several types of exams. The format varies and can be completed in several parts over one or two days. Specific Exam Schedule is provided during the registration process of an Exam.

ESC reserves the right to modify the above schedule if needed. Therefore, ESC strongly recommends candidates to plan their return flights accordingly (late or day after flights).

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In no event ESC will pay for any travel fees due to change on the Exam Schedule.

Registration

For details about registration windows and conditions, please check the relevant exam on the ESC Website: <https://www.escardio.org/Education/Career-Development/Certification>

Usually, registration opens around 3 months prior the exam and closes 7 days before the exam date. Onsite registration occurs on rare occasions; do check the above mentioned Web page for details and specifics.

On day of the exam

Participants are required to sign in at least 30 minutes before the start of the exam for check-in and to present:

- The Boarding Pass sent during registration process
- A photo ID (identity card or passport) to confirm their identity

At the end of the certification exam, candidates must hand in all exam material and sign out. Failing to do so will lead to the exam participation being voided and results will not be processed nor communicated, as this is a breach of confidentiality.

Advise: How to prepare for the Examination

ESC will suggest links for the exam preparation. In no event ESC shall be held liable if candidates fail the exams.

For any information on the Certification examinations, please [contact us](#) using the ESC Website here www.escardio.org.

During the Exam

During the Exam, please note that candidates will **not** be entitled to bring any food, materials (except a pocket calculator for paper exam) or drinks on the Exam tables. Depending on venues and facilities available, ESC may provide water. Candidates will be allowed to take bathroom breaks under invigilators' supervision. All materials necessary for the delivery of the Exam will be provided on the day. Any breach to this rule will lead to the candidates being expelled from the Exam room.

RESULTS OF CERTIFICATION EXAM

Exam results are sent by email up to **2 months** after the Exam date. Only the candidate is responsible for the results of the certification exam. Please note that candidates who have failed the exam can re-sit the exam at a later stage.

For re-sit conditions, please check the relevant page on the ESC Website: (<https://www.escardio.org/Education/Career-Development/Certification>)

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LIABILITY DISCLAIMER

Technical Issues:

In the event a technical issue generates disruption(s) during the Exam, ESC will allocate each candidate impacted an appropriate additional delay to resume the Exam. Only ESC is entitled to decide the length of this additional “appropriate delay”.

In the event a technical issue prevents one or more candidates from accessing the Exam, ESC will offer the impacted candidate(s) the possibility to re-sit free of charge at another session.

Other Issues

ESC endeavors to offer you proper conditions for the delivery of the Exams. In no event ESC guarantees or shall be held liable for any sound or other perturbations during the Exam delivery.

ESC will not proceed with any reimbursement or re-sit.

Please keep in mind that during the Exam, ESC will not be liable for any theft or damage to properties, personal values and/or persons caused by any factor whatever, unless there has been a fault, intent or deliberate recklessness on the part of ESC.

APPEAL

In no event an appeal procedure after examination is possible. That is expressly agreed by candidates upon acceptance of these terms and conditions.

In no event will the ESC be held liable for the results of the exam. Each candidate shall be exclusively liable for exam results.

THE FEE

The Fee per Exam is indicated on the registration page (<https://www.escardio.org/Education/Career-Development/Certification>).

Please note: specific fees may apply to members.

Payment of fees must be made in Euro and it is recommended to pay by credit card to avoid any delay on registration or to guarantee availability.

CANCELLATION POLICY

If you wish to cancel your registration to the Exam, a written request must be sent by using the Contact Us functionality on the ESC Website: <https://www.escardio.org/Contact>

Request for cancellation by phone or any other means of communication **will not** be considered.

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The following cancellation and refund policy will apply:

Weeks before exam	% Refund
up to 6 weeks (before exam)	90%
6 - 4 weeks (before exam)	50%
Within 4 weeks	0%
No show	0%

The Refunds as specified above will be processed after the Exam or under reasonable delays.

In case of unforeseen circumstances, namely death in the family, on-call at the hospital and accident of the candidate, a proof document will be required and must be sent in writing to the email address: ESCcertification@escardio.org so that refund of the registration fee may be processed.

In the event ESC must cancel the Exam for circumstances outside its control and will, ESC will not proceed with any reimbursement of the Fee.

Moreover, in no event shall ESC be liable for cost incurred by the cancellation of the Exam (accommodation and travel arrangements must remain at candidates' charge only). All Candidates are urged to take personal travel insurance

MISCONDUCT

By registering, candidates accept to respect on-site the following instructions:

- Smoking will not be permitted in the Exam room and surroundings of the Exam location. Any fines for infringements of this ban shall be borne by trespassing candidates.
- Candidates will comply with the safety and security measures put in place at the date of the Exam.
- Candidates commit that you will not cause any nuisance or inconvenience during the Exam.

Invigilators are present during the Exam to avoid any risks of cheating or to prevent any misconduct. Please be aware cheating or misconduct are forbidden and candidates failing to respect these conditions will be automatically be considered having failed their Exam and will not receive any Certificate.

Misconduct includes, but is not restricted to:

- a) Introduction into any Exam of any materials other than those specifically permitted for said Exam;
- b) Any attempt to remove materials or content (including the use of recording devices) from an Exam;
- c) Any attempt to release content from any Exam to a third party/commercial organisation;
- d) Any attempt to communicate with another candidate;

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- e) Any attempt to gain access to or read the work of another candidate;
- f) Any attempt to gain or pass on information about the contents of the Exam in advance of the date of the Exam;
- g) Impersonation or attempted impersonation of a candidate;
- h) Bribery (of another candidate, Exam official, actual or simulated patient);
- i) Unacceptable or disruptive behavior during an Exam;
- j) Failure to abide by the reasonable instructions of an invigilator or other Exam official, or breaching of Exam Regulations;
- k) Falsification or alteration of any results document or qualification;
- l) Any other form of cheating or conduct likely to give an unfair advantage to the candidate or others;
- m) Failure to abide by the rules and regulations of the Exam Centre;
- n) Aiding or abetting any of the above.

PERSONAL DATA

You have personal data, which is, according to the Law on data processing and Civil Liberties 78-17 of 6 January 1978 modified, registered with ESC and may also be transferred and shared with third Party Supplier working on the organization of the Exam. The information you supply on this form is required for the Exam registration, rating of your Exam, Certificate delivery and statistic purpose. The Personal Data will be held temporarily in the customer data files of ESC. It may be used for the administration of the results and statistical purposes only by ESC or any ESC's partner involved on the Exam Certification process.

You have the absolute right to access, amend and oppose any use of this personal data BUT in these cases ESC will not be able to assess your exam and will not be able to provide you with any results nor Certificate.

Your Personal Data will be destroyed three years after the date of your Registration.

APPLICABLE LAW AND JURISDICTION

These Terms and Conditions shall be governed by the laws of France.

It is likewise for both rules of substance and rules of form, notwithstanding the place of performance of the substantial or accessory obligations.

IN THE EVENT OF A DISPUTE ARISING OUT OF THE INTERPRETATION OR PERFORMANCE OF THESE GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS, THE APPLICABLE JURISDICTION SHALL BE THAT OF THE COURT OF GRASSE, NOTWITHSTANDING A PLURALITY OF RESPONDENTS OR THIRD-PARTY CLAIMS, INCLUDING FOR URGENT OR PROTECTIVE PROCEEDINGS, WHETHER URGENT OR ON-DEMAND.