

USER GUIDE – TOE FAQs

Most frequently asked questions

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1. Who can enroll in the TOE 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.

2. 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 are recommended textbooks and reading material which can be found [on the website](#).

3. How often do the Certification Exams in TOE take place?

Certification Exams in TOE are run twice a year:

1. During the EACTA congress held May/June
2. During EuroEcho-Imaging Congress in December

Upcoming exams dates can be found [here](#).

4. How is EACVI Certification in TOE obtained?

The candidate has to pass two sections over a period of 2 years:

1. Theoretical written exam based on 2MCQs:
 - a. Reporting: 50 questions related to TOE cases with displayed echoes - around 90 minutes
 - b. Theory: 75 questions - 110 minutes
2. Practical Logbook:

Upon passing the exam, candidates must submit a logbook of 125 TOE reports cases (or 75 if he/she holds a valid TTE certification). Cases can be collected from 1 year before to 1 year after the written exam and can cover the full 24 months. More information on logbooks can be found [here](#).

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

In case of unforeseen circumstances (such as death in the family, on-call at the hospital, accident of the candidate...), a proof document will be required and the candidate will be refunded with the entire registration fee.

6. 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.

7. 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 for a reduced fee of 150 Euros. S/He will have to register again on the EACVI website.

Please note that there is NO appeal process concerning exam results. Also, please note that you are not permitted to register for a EACVI TOE exam if you sat the previous EACVI TOE exam less than 6 months ago. If you do, your registration will be cancelled automatically and you will be charged a 10% administration fee.

8. 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 125 summarised cases (or 75 if he/she holds a valid TTE certification) and 6 TOE anonymous studies performed by them within a 24 months period (taken from the window of 1 year before until 1 year after sitting the written exam).

[More information on the logbook can be found here in the 'Process' section.](#)

Failure to submit the logbook up to 12 months after the date candidates receive their exam results, will require to re-sit the exam and restart the entire Certification Process from the beginning.

9. 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](#).

10. 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.

11. 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, s/he will have to re-sit the entire certification process (exam + practical) for a reduced resit fee.

In the mean time, the candidate can raise an appeal to the Certification Committee through the Certification Office – for a fee of 100 Euros.

12. 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 Transesophageal Echocardiography (which will be send by email) which will remain valid for 5 years before re-certification is required.

13. What happened if the candidate passed the written exam for TOE and has already been fully certified in EACVI TTE?

The candidate will still have to submit a logbook but will need only submit 75 cases in their summary case list.

14. For how long is the Certification certificate in TOE valid?

The Certification Certificate in TOE will remain valid for 5 years before re-certification is required. Information on the re-certification procedure is [available here](#).

15. How much does it cost to register for the EACVI Certification?

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