



Regulations for the Certification of “Fellow of the European Board of Oral Surgeons”

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INTRODUCTION

The European Board in Oral Surgery (EBOS) examination is organised by the EFOS and is designed both as a quality label and as an aid to harmonising standards of training and practice in European countries.

Passing the EBOS examination does not give the right to claim the title of Specialist in Oral Surgery. This right is solely granted by the national authority of each country.

The EBOS Assessment, which confers the title of "Fellow of the EBOS", is a recognition of the clinical value of the candidate and of his/her ability to practice oral surgery safely and independently.

The scope of the assessment is defined by the EBOS Oral Surgery Syllabus.

The examination board will convene at least every 2 years.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Prospective candidates must:

1. Be recognized as a Dentist or Stomatologist or Specialist in Oral Surgery.
2. Be a member of an EFOS affiliated oral surgery society.
3. Predominantly practice Oral Surgery.
4. Have at least 5 years full-time practice (or its part-time equivalent) in Oral Surgery before application. Duration of a recognized oral surgery training program may be taken into account in this period of time.
5. Be proposed by their affiliated society as fit to be presented for the Board examination.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Candidates wishing to take the Board examination will initially apply to their National Society for nomination to sit the Board examination.

Candidates should submit the following:

1. Application form (with CV).
2. A verified logbook of clinical activity/cases and/or any other document to prove they have at least 5 years full-time practice (or its part-time equivalent) in Oral Surgery.
3. A letter of support confirming the accuracy of the curriculum vitae and logbook from a University Centre, or Hospital Department, or Official Oral Surgery Society Member of EFOS.
4. A registration fee of €100 payable to the affiliated National Society.

Candidates must apply to their National Society no later than 6 months before the published examination dates.

National Societies will approve their applicants' registration. The application form and documents of the candidates who fulfil the entry criteria will be forwarded by their National Society to EFOS for further assessment and examination at the next sitting of the Board examination.

Applicants will be informed by their member National Society whether they will be accepted to sit the Board examination no later than 4 months before the published examination dates.

Accepted applicants will be due a fee of €450 payable to the national association no later than 3 months prior to the published examination date. Payment may only be made by Bank Transfer.

Following application, the Chairperson of the Jury of Examiners will inform each candidate of the exact date and location of the next examination.

The exact examination dates will be published in advance for each sitting.

COMPOSITION OF THE JURY OF EXAMINERS:

The Chairperson of the Jury of Examiners (CJE) will be nominated by the EFOS General Assembly.

The CJE will appoint the examiners, who will be proposed by each National Societies.

The CJE is responsible for the administration of the examination and, in liaison with other examiners, for the smooth running of the examination.

They will be responsible for the choice of questions and the objective structured clinical examination stations in liaison with National Societies.

THE BOARD EXAMINATION

Part 1 : MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTIONS (MCQ)

This will consist of 50 multiple choice questions (MCQ) in English covering the EBOS Oral Surgery Syllabus, which is available on the EFOS website.

The MCQ-exam is intended to test theoretical and clinical knowledge of the candidate. Exam time allocation is 75 minutes. The exam theme will be concepts that should be widely understood avoiding individual national features or names as much as possible. Invigilators will be present during the exam and will be available to help candidates accurately understand the questions.

Candidates who arrive after the exam has started will not be admitted.

Any candidate found copying, attempting to copy or record any part of the exam including the questions, or cheat in any other way, will fail the exam, be banned from sitting in future, and be reported to the relevant National Society.

The candidates will receive their result (pass or fail) as soon as they are available. Candidates' exact marks will not be published.

Successful completion of the first part is a prerequisite for access to the second part.

Candidates who fail the MCQ examination may retake it at a later examination session. They will be required to register and pay the fee again and must agree to the rules applicable at the time of the resit. There is no limit to the number of attempts at Part 1.

Part 2 : OBJECTIVE STRUCTURED CLINICAL EXAMINATION

This part of the exam is intended to test if the candidate is fit for safe independent practice of Oral Surgery. Their ability to clinically apply knowledge is assessed.

The examination will be based on 4 clinical cases encountered by oral surgeons. The ability to diagnose and manage patients will be assessed.

Candidates will undertake 4 "objective structured clinical examination" (OSCE) stations, in each of which they will be presented with a situation based on clinical topics from the EBOS Oral Surgery Syllabus.

Each station, lasting about 10 minutes, is conducted in English, by a pair of examiners who will be from two different National Societies.

Each topic in each station is marked independently by each of the examiners. The grades for each station are totalled at the end of the examination to determine a pass.

AJUDICATION - FINAL RESULTS

All candidates will be informed by the CJE of the result of their examination as soon as it is available.

Candidates' exact marks will not be published.

The list of successful candidates will be published. They will receive a certificate of Fellowship of the EBOS.

The unsuccessful candidates will be informed of the reasons for their failure.

Unsuccessful candidates may appeal the result by an email to the President of EFOS within 48 hours after publication of the results. This appeal will be considered by a committee constituted by the President of EFOS, the CJE, and a member of the National Society to which the candidate belongs. The summary of the result will be communicated to the applicant within 15 days.