

European Subspecialty Examination in Strabismus and Paediatric Ophthalmology.

Guidance for candidates on equivalence of training

The regulations for the FEBOS Examination in Strabismus and Paediatric Ophthalmology state:

2. Candidates must have successfully completed one year of full-time subspecialty fellowship training in Strabismus and Paediatric Ophthalmology to ICO standards or equivalent

Equivalence shall be determined by the Joint Examination Board. Any candidate wishing to have experience other than in an ICO recognized Fellowship considered should approach the Joint Examination Board well before the closing date for applications. Part-time experience will be considered on a pro rata basis.

The Examination Board recognises that the number of recognised strabismus and paediatric training fellowships in Europe is currently limited.

What the Board is looking for essentially is the equivalent of a year spent in full time training under one or more ophthalmologists specialising in strabismus and paediatric ophthalmology.

The evidence we need is

1. The hospital where you did your specialist training and names and positions of your trainer(s).
2. Your curriculum vitae showing specifically the year(s) you want considered.
3. Your weekly timetable(s) during this training showing your weekly programmes in the posts you want considered for equivalence and specifying the types of patient seen in each clinic and educational sessions attended
4. A letter from your main trainer confirming your training in strabismus and paediatric ophthalmology.

You will also need to submit evidence of your surgical experience as separately specified in the regulations.

If you forward these to Lisa Flanagan in the EBO examination office as soon as convenient we will consider them.

The final decision about eligibility to take the exam will be taken by the Exam Board. If an application is refused on grounds of non-equivalence we will refund your application fee minus a 10% administration fee, so if in doubt we would advise you to apply.

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On behalf of the ESA-EPOS Joint Examination Board.