

EBO – ESCRS Examination

The EBO and ESCRS have worked together to develop a new **examination for experienced cataract and refractive surgeons** to prove their expertise and advanced knowledge of the subspecialty.

Successful candidates will earn the post-nominal title of **FEBOS-CR** (Fellow of the European Board of Ophthalmology Subspecialist in Cataract and Refractive surgery). This will **distinguish those surgeons** who achieve certification as potential **leaders in the field, with superior knowledge and an ability to deal with more challenging cases.**

A key aspect of this examination is that it is intended to **certify excellence** in the cataract and refractive subspecialty. Candidates must have extensive surgical experience, including a varied case mix that includes a proportion of cases with complicating factors.

The first examinations will take place during the **XXXV Congress of the ESCRS in Lisbon, October 2017.**

To apply, candidates must first prove their expertise by providing:

- **A letter of recommendation** from the head of department, clinical or training director at their institution or hospital, confirming their eligibility for the examination, and the veracity of the other materials submitted
- **Their log book**, which should detail at least 400 surgeries (from 2019, candidates will need to use EUREQUO, but for the first two years, they can submit their own log book.)
- **A CV** (template available on the EBO and ESCRS websites), which outlines surgical and teaching experience, as well as publications history
- **2 videos** – one of a normal cataract surgery, one of a complex case they have managed (this will be discussed during the examination)

These materials will be reviewed and those who meet the criteria will be invited to apply to sit the examination (application fee: €650).

The examination will take the familiar 2-part MCQ/ viva voce format.

- The MCQ section will include 70 questions composed of a stem and 5 true/ false statements
- The viva voce will have 4 sections:
 - Discussion of a surgical video they submit
 - Discussion of a surgical case they have not seen before
 - Discussion of a case study presented to them by the examiner
 - Critical evaluation of a key paper

Candidates will need to demonstrate superior knowledge, insight and theoretical understanding of modern cataract and refractive surgical methods and issues, as well as familiarity with key literature to pass the examination and earn the post-nominal title of FEBOS-CR.

More information (including detailed eligibility criteria, curriculum and log book requirements) can be found on the ESCRS or the EBO website.

If you have any questions, please contact us at education@escrs.org, or call the ESCRS office **+353 1 2091100**.