

UEMS-ID / ESCMID Specialist Certificate examination – pilot 2024/25

The UEMS-ID will pilot the Specialist Certificate examination in Infectious Diseases in January 2025. This exam is supported by ESCMID. The pilot exam will not result in award of a certificate. Candidates will receive a grade and detailed feedback on areas of strength and weaknesses. In future years success in the exam will result in the award of European specialist certificate in Infectious Diseases.

Date: 18th January 2025

Venue: online

The European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (ESCMID) and the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS) Section of Infectious Diseases are working together to make a European Examination in Infectious Diseases become a reality. The drive for European harmonisation is facilitated by the UEMS, the oldest pan-European medical organization. ESCMID is the largest overarching scientific society that promotes dialogue between all professionals working in the field of infections in Europe. We are very happy to announce our cooperation, and firmly believe that united we stand stronger, and that the future lies in European cooperation.

The exam has been developed with the UEMS – ID European Standards in Medical Training, that can be view below:

[Training Curriculum for Infectious Diseases - hyperlink to \(https://www.escmid.org/fileadmin/src/media/PDFs/5Profession_Career/Training_Curriculum_for_Infectious_diseases.pdf\)](https://www.escmid.org/fileadmin/src/media/PDFs/5Profession_Career/Training_Curriculum_for_Infectious_diseases.pdf)

Why have an exam?

UEMS aims to develop the study, promotion and harmonisation of the highest level of training of the medical specialists, medical practice and health care within the European Union. Offering an exam is a pillar of this vision. The exam can be used as a formative exam, candidates will get detailed breakdown of areas of strength or weakness to enable them to address training needs. This exam will not replace national exams, but will eventually be a summative exam resulting in a European Specialist certificate when the full exam launches. A pan Europe examination offers the ability to promote and develop our specialty and show standards across the continent and potentially beyond. Aggregated results from the exam will also be provided to ESCMID to enable development of educational activities to support training.

How will the exam be run?

The exam will be an online only exam run in collaboration with experienced professional providers of postgraduate medical examinations. You can take the exam from your own home or workplace. There will be online supervision of all candidates.

What format will the exam be?

The exam will be in English only. Questions will be multiple choice questions with a single best answer. There will be 100 questions in the pilot exam spread across the following domains reflecting the European Training Curriculum in Infectious Diseases:

1. Community Acquired Infections (CAI)
2. Management of Longer-Term Conditions (TB, hepatitis B and C, HIV)
3. Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAI), Antimicrobial Stewardship (AS), Antimicrobial resistance (AMR)
4. Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)
5. Non – HIV Immunocompromised Patients (includes transplant, cancer, neutropenic, treatment with biological products, implants etc)
6. Device-related infections (Prosthetic Joint Infection, Prosthetic Valve Endocarditis, TAVI-IE, Cardiac Implantable Device Infections, catheter, etc)
7. Imported infections, Health advice for travellers, Infection Related Problems of Immigrants
8. Public Health in relation to Infection, Outbreaks and Surveillance, Vaccination
9. Use of microbiology laboratory technique, understanding laboratory reporting and process
10. Research and audit methodology

How has the exam been developed?

ESCMID members across Europe have submitted questions across a range of domains. Questions have been reviewed by the UEMS-ID exam board for clarity and standard setting.

How will results be handed?

Individual results will only be shared with individual candidates along with breakdown of areas answered and ranking across the whole exam sitting. Aggregated anonymized results will be provided to ESCMID to enable development of educational activities to support training.

Fee:

The fee for the pilot exam will be €50 per candidate. This cost may be recoverable from your National training body. ESCMID is offering financial support that will be administered via the UEMS-ID. Candidates who are ESCMID members will be eligible for a part or total refund depending on the number of candidates.

ELIGIBILITY:

The exam is open to candidates who:

- Are a Medical doctor
- Are a trainee or consultant in Infectious Diseases
- The country in which the trainee is training is a full member, associate member or observer member of UEMS. The list of countries is accessible on www.uems.eu

REGISTRATION:

Registration is possible through the [exam provider registration site](#). Proof of eligibility will be required as part of the application process. Eligibility will be determined by the completed application form, in English, and valid accompanied documentation. The link will be open from October 2024.

Key dates:

Closing date for applications: 18th December 2024

Notification of eligible candidates: 31st December 2024

Exam date: 18th January 2025