



European Examination in Medical Microbiology

The evolving process of the European Examination in Medical Microbiology (EEMM) is paralleled by the European ambition towards harmonization and standardization of medical education, specialist training and qualification.

The examination is based on the Curriculum submitted to UEMS Council 21.09.17 as the CORE TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGY ([UEMS Section of Medical Microbiology core curriculum at https://uems-smm.eu/uems-smm/](https://uems-smm.eu/uems-smm/)), current European best practice guidelines and recent pivotal publications in the major journals.

The structure of the EEMM is clearly defined and consists of a 2-stage process involving Eligibility and the Examination.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Eligibility is a prerequisite for Examination candidates. To meet the Eligibility criteria, the candidate must fulfil the following requirements:

1. The candidate must be a Medical doctor.
2. The candidate must be employed or in training in a UEMS member country or an associated UEMS country or a country with UEMS observer status (see UEMS website for current country status <https://uems-smm.eu/uems-smm/>).
3. The candidate must be a consultant or a trainee in Medical Microbiology with a **minimum of 42 months** whole-time training in Medical Microbiology on the date of the examination.
4. The candidate must be able to communicate in the English language.
5. Candidates have to be recommended by 2 independent referees e.g. supervisor, trainer, head of department, regional/national trainer. The names of the referees must be included in the application form (section 3 of the application form).
6. The referees will certify that the candidates are eligible to sit the examination (section 3 of the application form). The certification of eligibility must be signed by each referee on a fully completed application form.
7. The candidate must complete the application form fully. The candidate must scan and upload the required documentation (see application form).
8. The candidate must indicate that they have read and accepted the terms and conditions of this examination by completing the relevant section of the application form.

Proof of eligibility will be required. Eligibility will be determined by the completed application form and valid accompanying documentation. A maximum number of 50 candidates will be accepted. The first complete applications received will be the first reviewed and if eligible, the first accepted.



When you submit the requested documentation, your application will be sent to our reviewers for consideration. If your application is accepted by the reviewers, you will receive payment instructions. If your application is not accepted by the reviewers, you will receive an email to inform you that it has not been accepted.

The Examination:

The EEMM Examination is held in English.

The EEMM consists of an Objective multiple-choice question (MCQ) examination.

MCQ-Test:

The test questions are selected from a catalogue and reflect the "Blueprint for the European Examination in Medical Microbiology" which is aligned to the Section of Medical Microbiology core curriculum.

The question items may include relevant pictures (e.g. graphs, photographs, radiological pictures).

The examination is a MCQ-test with single best answer one out of five or more items

The day of the examination:

The candidates have to prove their identity (scan of valid passport) as part of the application process. On the day of the exam, they must also show their passport or national Identity Card and their letter of acceptance with their candidate ID number.

Mobile telephones, other computers, tablets and communication aids, any type of written and/or printed material, and all types of cheating are strictly forbidden throughout the EEMM exam. Cheating (attempts) will be reported to the candidate's referees and national medical licensing body and is subject to subsequent termination of the exam for the candidate in question and exclusion of the candidate from all future EEMM exams.

Prior to the exam, the candidates will be briefed to explain the examination process.

Examination delivery:

The candidate will be required to attend the examination, in person, in Paris. The EEMM examination will be delivered on an electronic platform in collaboration with the European Board of Radiology (EBR)

Cancellation policy:

The EEMM examination will take place according to the schedule outlined, except in case of circumstances beyond the UEMS-SMM/ESCMID/EBR control which lead to the decision of UEMS-SMM to cancel or postpone the EEMM examination. UEMS-SMM/ESCMID/EBR shall not be liable toward the candidates for the cancellation or delay in delivery of the EEMM examination by reason of any event beyond UEMS-SMM/ESCMID/EBR control including but not limited to fire, flood, explosion, earthquake, or any other natural forces; war, civil unrest, accident, destruction or other casualty; any lack or failure of transportation facilities;



cancellation due to COVID s imposed by national authorities or due to rules imposed by national authorities in relation to COVID which impair the organisation of the EEMM examination as scheduled; any lack or failure of supply of raw materials or any dysfunction of the electronic platform from a circumstance out from UEMS-SMM/ESCMID/EBR control, any strike or labour disturbance; or any other event similar to those enumerated above.

Therefore, UEMS-SMM and ESCMID shall not be liable for any claims or damages arising from the cancellation or postponement of the EEMM examination for any of the reasons enumerated here above, including the refund, totally or partially of the examination fees.

Data Protection:

As of May 25th 2018, the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) sets new definitions for how to handle personal data.

Only information that is required for the specific purposes outlined, will be stored it in secured databases and outdated user data deleted ultimately.

We will ask for your name and contact details to inform you of the examination application process and results

However, this information will never be reported/disclosed.

Your name and contact detail will be stored in a protected file accessed by a designated examination sub-group.

Other information that will be required is:

- Your professional qualifications (e.g. medical doctor)
- Your current country of practice
- Your country of training
- Number of years you have been qualified and /or practising speciality
- Your current number of months of training
- Gender

This information will be held in a protected master file and you will be assigned an exam number such that you will not be identified. The main use of the data will be for statistical analysis of the examination results /process in order to improve the exam process.

Data protection terms and conditions of EBR will be adhered to.

We would also like to inform you that you can withdraw your EEMM exam application at any time. All your personal data we've stored to that point will ultimately be deleted.

Please see also the UEMS Privacy and Data Security Policy <https://uems-smm.eu/uems-privacy-and-data-security-policy/>