

# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about the FEBVS examination

## Registration:

- **When will the applicant be informed if his/her application for the exam was successful?**

Applicants will be informed by the UEMS Section and Board of Vascular Surgery Office within 2 weeks if the registration was successful by email. As there are limited places, applicants are asked to tell the office as soon as possible in case of cancellation.

- **What happens if all available places for the exam are all allocated?**

The examination is on a “first come - first serve“ basis, so it is recommended to apply as soon as possible. Applicants will be informed by the office within 1 month after the closing deadline for applications. If all places are fully booked, the applicant will be automatically put on a waiting list for the next examination.

- **Is there a waiting list for the examination? (e.g: if a candidate has to withdraw at short notice)**

Yes. If all places of a date are fully booked, applicants are put on a waiting list - again listed depending on the date of registration.

- **What is the process for those candidates who do not get an allocated slot in the exam?**

Applicants who are listed on the waiting list will be preferred for the upcoming date but it is compulsory to apply again in the same form as it has been done for the previous time, without any extra fee.

- **If the compulsory documents of a candidate are incomplete, is there a possibility to hand in the missing document or is it followed by an automatic exclusion of the candidate for this date?**

If the candidate documentation is incomplete, the applicant will be informed by e mail and they will be given a defined extension to the deadline to complete the application process with all the required documentation. If the UEMS Section and Board Office does not receive the required documents, the applicant will not be allowed to sit the exam and will not be placed on the waiting list for the next examination.

- **Are candidates from countries in which the FEBVS exam is required to finish the national training getting priority in registration for the exam?**

No - there is no preference for applicants from these countries.

### **Preparation:**

- **Is there a list of recommended literature?**

The UEMS Section and Board of Vascular Surgery is an independent organisation, it does not recommend any kind of literature, vascular textbooks, nor publications, to prevent any kind of conflict of interest.

To guide applicants a Syllabus is online at the homepage

(<https://uemsvascular.com/wpsite/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Syllabus.pdf> ).

We would recommend that the candidates approach the UEMS section and Board of vascular surgery members for their country for advice on the exam.

- **Are there any courses recommended by the UEMS to prepare properly for the exam?**

The UEMS Vascular Examiners are not allowed to organize or participate in any FEBVS revision courses, this is to ensure that we remain a truly independent organization, which aims to produce a reliable and reproducible examination.

The UEMS Vascular Surgery does not sanction or recommend any revision courses organized by external bodies prior to the exams in either September or March. There will be NO current examiners at any of these courses.

### **Process:**

- **What is the structure of the examination?**

The examination is divided into five sections: Academic, Clinical Cases, Overall Vivas, Open technical and Endovascular. Detailed information about the structure and the scoring systems is given at the official website of the UEMS

(<https://uemsvascular.com/febvs-examination/>).

- **If my English isn't good enough, is there a possibility to get a translator?**

The FEBVS exam does not provide translators, but the UEMS examiners try to adapt their English to the needs and skills of the candidates, and an additional observer can be present at every part of the examination to guarantee a fair process.

## **Failure:**

- **Is there a limitation on the number of times you can take the exam?**

No - there is no limitation to the number of times you can take the FEVBS.

- **If a candidate fails in one part of the exam, is it necessary to repeat the whole examination?**

Yes - it is necessary to repeat the whole examination.

- **Is it possible to appeal?**

An appeal is possible, but it is compulsory for the candidate to follow the instructions that is published at the website of the UEMS (<https://uemsvascular.com/febvs-examination/>).

- **If a candidate fails and wants to repeat the exam, will he/she then be preferred in registration?**

If a candidate applies to re sit the exam, his/her registration they should re-apply using the link provided at the website of the UEMS (<https://uemsvascular.com/febvs-examination/>).

A new registration fee is needed to be payed following the instructions at the website.