



FELLOW OF THE EUROPEAN BOARD OF VASCULAR SURGERY – FEBVS
STRUCTURE OF THE EXAMINATION

Exclusively for the FEBVS March 2021

There are 3 sections to the examination:

Section	Comment	Maximum score
Academic	Review a paper from a journal.	32
Clinical Cases	Vivas on 4 clinical cases: Aortic, Lower Limb, Endovascular and Miscellaneous.	64
Overall Viva	Viva on several topics	32
Total score		128

Academic Paper

For the academic section will be given a paper and allowed 25 minutes to read it and make notes. The viva will be presented on a laptop, using a series of PowerPoint slides and will last 20 minutes.

Clinical Case Scenarios

These are real cases from throughout Europe and they will be presented on a Powerpoint presentation. The areas covered will include diagnosis and differential diagnosis, imaging modalities and interpretation, management plans and management of post operative complications. Each viva lasts 15 minutes.

Overall Viva

The overall viva will have several questions covering any aspect of vascular surgery and be presented on a laptop using PowerPoint. The overall viva will last 30 minutes.

Each Examiner will score each aspect of the examination with a score from 4 to 8 (using a set of defined marking descriptors) with 6 representing a pass. To pass the examination a Candidate must achieve all of the following:

1. a total score of at least 96 out of the maximum possible 128, **and**
2. pass at least two of the three Sections, **and**
3. to pass at least 3 of the 4 Clinical Cases.

Mobile Phones

The mobile phones should be switched off during the exam, anyone found recording the examination will be immediately disqualified and his/her national society and base hospital informed of his/her actions.