

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about the FEBVS examination

Registration:

- **How should a candidate proceed with a FEBVS application?**
Applicants should submit the candidacy online. A platform is available for each FEBVS Examination with specific dates for submission. All information is available in due time and specific to each Exam.
- **After submission, when will the applicant be informed if his/her application for the exam was successful?**
Applicants receive an e-mail confirming that the application was successfully submitted immediately. This is not a confirmation that the application is complete or accepted. All applications for a FEBVS Examination are analysed by the Examination Committee, after the deadline ends. It's clearly informed in each FEBVS Examination when the results will be informed, which is done by individual e-mail.
- **What happens if all available places for the exam are all allocated?**
The examination is on a "first come, first served" basis, so it is recommended to apply as soon as possible. If all places are fully booked, the applicant will be automatically put on a waiting list for a next examination. As there are limited places, applicants are asked to inform the office as soon as possible in case of cancellation.
- **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 (which confirm the interest on that date), 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?**

Yes, candidates from countries where FEBVS is the exit Examination have priority.

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>).

- **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?**

Yes, the maximum number of attempts to sit the FEBVS Examination is 4. Conditions to re-sit and timeline are clear at UEMS SBVS website.

- **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 paid following the instructions at the website but will not get priority.