

Eligibility Criteria for EBSQ Surgical Oncology Examination

1. Each candidate must hold a current licence to practise as a general surgeon at the time of the examination.
2. Each candidate must have received certificate of specialist training from a European Union or associated country. Since 2010, candidates trained outside Europe are entitled to apply for the examination. A COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION OF TRAINING MUST BE ENCLOSED WITH THE APPLICATION
3. Each candidate must be able to demonstrate that he/she had worked for a minimum of two years in a designated oncology centre specialising in surgical oncology*
(*or a minimum of three years if this experience was not in a designated oncology centre or had followed a surgical oncology clinical fellowship of one year'
or a specialist training of one year working as a surgeon in a recognised oncology related field
or a surgical oncology research fellowship plus two years in a clinical surgical oncology setting)

In addition to a completed application form and a curriculum vitae candidates will be required to submit a letter from their Head of Department supporting the application.

4. A log book of operative procedures in surgical oncology, covering a period of at least three years, including information on whether the candidate was first assistant (A), principal surgeon assisted by Trainer (B) or principal surgeon not assisted by trainer (C) must be included with this application. At the beginning of the logbook, all operations must be grouped, sorted and counted by the type of operation and position of the candidate (e.g.: modified radical mastectomy – first assistant – 4 operations, low anterior resection – principal surgeon – 3 operations and so on). The list of operative procedures must be signed and stamped by the appropriate trainer.