

Detailed rules for the basic examination in surgery

(«Durchführungsbestimmungen» gem. Art. 3.2 Règlement Basisexamen, Version vom 8.3.2024) Based on Art. 3 of the basic examination regulations, approved by the board of examiners on 12 May 2000 and amended on 21 March 2003, 13 May 2005, 15 May 2009, 9 May 2015, 4 May 2018, and 8 March 2024

1 Purpose

The detailed rules are part of the examination regulations (“Règlement des Basisexamens Chirurgie”) and describe the details of the procedure.

2 Form

The examination contains 150 Multiple Choice questions, usually type A and K’.

Duration: 4 hours.

3 Application, dates, fees

The application formalities are fixed annually (type of information, dates, schedule of fees). A correct and fully and accurately completed application is a requirement for admission to the examination. The application is done online. The application and examination data can be used anonymously for scientific analysis.

4 Procedure

Following correct application, examination candidates are informed electronically in English about the examination date, time, location and procedure. On the exam day, an identity check will be carried out. The chairman or his representative is responsible for adequate room supervision and for conducting the examination. The examination materials (tablet computer, personal access code, pen for signing the access code document) are provided. Special incidents are recorded in a log.

5 Assessment and establishment of grades and pass mark

The examination is analysed according to accepted methods. It includes the following steps in particular:

- item analysis and review of statistically suspicious questions (key validation),
- elimination of questions with obvious content or formal deficiencies (decision made by the board or chairman),
- calculation of the individual scores

- proposal for pass mark and grades, based on an equalization of the difficulty variation between the different exam sessions through re-used questions,
- decision about the final pass mark and grades (by the board or a board committee).
 - o The standard (basis of the pass mark) is set according to scientifically accepted methods (primarily content-based method with an absolute standard, modified Angoff procedure).

6 Information about the examination

Examination candidates receive a signed confirmation of their examination result and its evaluation in accordance with regulation article 5 and are informed of their right of appeal.

7 Examination data, inspection, objection

¹All examination data is absolutely confidential and is stored in accordance with SIWF instructions (www.siwf.ch).

²If the examination is not passed, inspection of the examination is granted in accordance with SIWF recommendations (www.siwf.ch).

³Information about the ensuing costs for objections is given in the SIWF schedule of fees.

8 Irregularities

In the event of irregularities, the chairman or his representative decides, and the examination is usually regarded as failed. Serious infringements can lead to exclusion from the next examination. Those affected can be sued for the consequences. In the event of late arrival, the examination invigilator decides.

9 Exemptions

In justified cases (e.g., due to disabilities) the chairman of the board can grant exemptions that reflect the individual circumstances of the candidates in question.

10 Entry into force

The detailed rules (in force on 1 July 2000 with the regulation) come into force in altered form on 1 June 2018.

The last alterations were decided on 8.3.2024