

# Terms and Conditions of the European Diploma in Radiology (EDiR)

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## **I. GENERAL STATEMENT**

1. These Terms and Conditions serve as a binding contract between the European Board of Radiology (EBR) and the candidate of the European Diploma in Radiology (EDiR) examination.
2. All candidates must familiarise themselves with the Terms and Conditions before applying for the EDiR exam.
3. By accepting the EBR Privacy Policy and paying the examination fee, EDiR candidates agree to these Terms and Conditions.
4. The EBR reserves the right to make the final decision in all matters relating to the European Diploma in Radiology, including the final decision on the selection of candidates.
5. The inscription and admission to the EDiR examination is strictly personal. Once admitted, the applicant is not entitled to transfer to third parties his rights to take EDiR exam under these terms and conditions. The confirmation of admission, notified by European Board of Radiology to the Applicant, is nominative and it cannot be sold, lent or transferred to third parties.

## **II. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

6. Candidates must meet the following eligibility criteria in order to sit the examination: Candidates must be certified radiologists or be in, at least, their last year of national radiology training at the time of the examination. In cases where the length of the national radiology training programme is less than five years, experience as a supervised staff radiologist will be considered. The total amount of training and supervised practical experience must be more than four years at the time of application.
7. The final decision on a candidate's admission will be made by the European Board of Radiology on a case-by-case basis.
8. If an applicant cannot meet all entry criteria by the application deadline, their registration for the examination will not be processed.

### III. REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

9. The following documents must be submitted and received by the EBR office by the application deadline given:
  - i. **A proof of training** indicating the duration of radiology training and expected date of completion (if not completed) issued by the training institution.
  - ii. In cases where the duration of the training programme is **less than five years**, a proof of **experience as a supervised staff radiologist is required**.
  - iii. **A proof of profession** provided by the current employing hospital/institution (for **corresponding members** only).
  - iv. **A scanned copy of the candidate's passport**.
10. Completed documents should be provided in English.
11. Candidates are responsible for the validity of all documents and the application data.

### IV. APPLICATION DEADLINES

12. The application process will be closed four weeks before the examination date or once there are no more places available.
13. All required documentation must be submitted by the end of the application deadline.
14. Each applicant will be notified whether their application has been accepted two weeks after the application deadline at the latest.

### V. EXAMINATION FEES

15. The fee for the European Diploma in Radiology (EDiR) examination is:
  - i. €500 for full ESR members and ESR members in training.
  - ii. €1,100 for corresponding ESR members.

## VI. PAYMENT POLICY

16. Full payment must be received by the end of the application deadline.
17. Only applications for which full payment has been received will be accepted.
18. No refunds can be provided if an applicant withdraws their application, or does not attend the examination.
19. If an applicant is unable to attend the examination due to a justified cause of force majeure, the EBR will charge a fee for re-assigning the candidate to a different examination date. In this case the examination date will be decided by EBR and will take place in the same year as the initial examination was set. In no case may the candidate postpone the examination more than twice in a row. If the candidate postpones the examination more than twice in a row, he or she will lose the right to be reassigned to another examination session and will not be entitled to a refund of the examination fee.
20. It is the ultimately candidate's responsibility to ensure that they meet the requirements concerning entry to any particular country for attendance at the EDiR examination. The EBR has no control and cannot accept any responsibility for this matter. Therefore, if a visa is required, good preparation in advance is recommended. The candidate must consider carefully whether there is a possibility the visa application will be rejected or not processed in time. Examination fees are not refunded if notification of withdrawal is received after the application closing date.

## VII. EXAMINATION

21. The examination will take place according to the schedule, except in circumstances beyond the EBR's control. EBR shall be excused from liability for the failure or delay in performance of any obligation under this Terms and Conditions by reason of any event beyond EBR's reasonable control like Force Majeure; included but no limited to fire, flood, explosion, earthquake, or other natural forces; war, civil unrest, accident, destruction or other casualty; any lack or failure of transportation facilities; any lack or failure of supply of raw materials, any strike or labour disturbance, or any other event similar to those enumerated above. If the EDiR Examination cannot be held by reason of Force Majeure, EBR shall have **NO OBLIGATION TO REFUND** to the Candidate, totally or partially, the fee already paid by the Candidate for the European Diploma in Radiology (EDiR).
22. EDiR examinations have a limited number of places. The EBR does not offer waiting lists. Examination places are assigned according to the "first-come first-served basis".

23. The EBR does not tolerate any form of cheating.
24. Sharing any examination content, such as questions and cases, with future candidates is strictly forbidden.
25. Candidates must follow the instructions of the EBR staff at all times.
26. *Candidates will receive the examination guidelines and instructions prior to the examination. Failure to comply will result in the candidate's disqualification from the examination and exclusion from all future examinations of the EBR.*

## VIII. EXAMINATION STRUCTURE

27. The examination will take place in one day. It tests knowledge, skills and competences in general radiology in 3 components:
  - Multiple response questions (MRQs): Computer-based examination of 90 minutes duration.
  - Short cases (SCs): Computer-based examination of 90 minutes duration.
  - Clinically oriented reasoning evaluation (CORE): Practical-oriented cases. Computer-based examination of 90 minutes duration.

## IX. EXAMINATION LANGUAGES

28. The EDiR examination will be in English. *Notwithstanding the foregoing, EBR reserves the right to change the language of the EDiR exam when an edition of EDiR is to be opened in a given country in order to make it easier for candidates from that country to sit for the exam. In any case, if EBR decides to change the language in which the exam can be taken, the candidate will be informed in advance and specifically at the time of registration.*

## X. SCORING

29. The multiple response questions and the questions within the short cases can be of any of the following types:
- Multiple choice question: There is only one correct answer.
    - Scoring: Wrong – Correct: 0% or 100%
  - Multiple response question: There are one or more correct answers.
    - Scoring: Proportional scoring according to the following formula:  $\frac{(n.Correct)}{(t.Correct)} - \frac{(n.Incorrect)}{(t.Incorrect)}$ , where *n.Correct* is the number of correct answers selected as correct by the candidate, *t.Correct* is the total number of correct answers, *n.Incorrect* is the number of incorrect answers selected by the candidate as correct and *t.Incorrect* is the total number of incorrect answers. There is no negative marking. The minimum score is 0.
  - Image annotation question: Labelled arrows pointing to features or anatomical structures of an image that have to be matched with their corresponding answer from a list of options.
    - Scoring: Proportional scoring. There are no penalties for incorrect answers.
  - Abnormality location question: An image is displayed and the candidate has to indicate where the abnormality is.
    - Scoring: Wrong – Correct: 0% or 100%

30. The scoring is computed as follows:

$$Part_1 = 0.3 \times SCs\_Score + 0.7 \times MRQs\_Score$$

$$Part_2 = CORE\_Score$$

- SCs\_Score*: Mean of the scores obtained in each short case. Each short case is scored from 0% to 100%. Each short case is scored computing the average score of all the questions within each corresponding short case.
- MRQs\_Score*: Mean of the scores obtained in each multiple response question. Each MRQ is scored from 0% to 100%.
- CORE\_Score*: Mean of the scores obtained in each CORE case. Each CORE case will be graded between 0-10 points by the assigned examiner. The examiners will have the possibility to grade some of the CORE cases with unsafe.
- The '*unsafe*' score will be assigned when a catastrophic error (an error of observation, interpretation or management) with major impact on the patient is made. An '*unsafe*' score will count as 0 when calculating the final score.

31. The pass mark of Part 1 and Part 2 is computed as follows:

$$Pass\_mark(Part_x) = Mean(Part_x) - 1x(Standard\_Deviation(Part_x))$$

32. In order to pass part 1, the score in this part has to be greater or equal than the pass mark in this part.
33. In order to pass part 2, the candidate has to fulfill the minimum criteria and to have a score greater or equal than the pass mark in this part.
34. The minimum criteria to be able to pass part 2 is as follows:
- The candidate must complete at least 8 out of 10 cases. Cases not completed will be penalised with 0 points
  - At least 50% of the cases have to score greater than or equal to 5 points
  - The candidate has at most one case with an 'unsafe' score
  - If the candidate has one case with an 'unsafe' score, the candidate must not have any other case/s scored with less than or equal to 1,5 points
  - The candidate has at most two cases scored with 1,5 points or less
35. In order to pass the EDiR examination, candidates must pass each part of the examination.
36. Final results shall be given to candidates in a results report form and, in any case, shall not be published to all candidates but individually. The results report form includes the candidate's overall score and detailed results in comparison with the average result.

## **XI. DATA PROTECTION AND PRIVACY**

37. In accordance with the Spanish Data Protection Regulation (*Law 15/1999 of December 15, on Personal Data Protection*), the personal data collected by the EBR will be incorporated into a of its ownership. . EBR agrees and undertakes to comply with all applicable EU and national legislation in the field of personal data protection and privacy laws and in particular Spanish Fundamental Law 15/1999, dated December 13th, on Protection of Personal Data and its corresponding regulations, and from May 25, 2018, the Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council, of 27 April 2016, on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation, **RGPD**).
38. Candidates allow the EBR to store and treat their personal data. The EBR shall not use such personal data for purposes other than those related to the EDiR examination herein listed:

- a. **Purpose I:** management of the candidate's participation to the EDiR examination and assurance of validity of any awarded EDiR Diploma.
  - b. **Purpose II:** EBR communications relating information and advertising of products and services of the company, under the express consent of the candidate.
39. Any provided data will be kept for the period of duration of the examination process in which it was collected and during the period in which the contractual relationship between the user and EBR remains in force, as well as for as many required years as to comply with legal obligations. Any data processing relating Purpose II (advertisement and communications) shall not exceed a period of THREE (3) years since the date the exam was took place.
40. The provided data will not be transferred to third parties except in cases in which there is a legal obligation to do so or in which we have obtained your previous and express consent. EBR ensures that its employees and subcontractors who obtain or have access to such personal data comply at all times with the applicable legislation in terms of privacy and protection of personal data and have undertaken the same obligations as the relevant Party has under the present Agreement; supervises the Data Processing, which shall be performed under a legitimate interest; and undertakes to conduct, when applicable, Risk Analysis or Impact Assessment (DPIA) on Data protection.
41. Candidates may exercise their right of information, access, rectification, cancellation ,opposition, deletion, transmission, limitation of the processing and to not be subject to automatic individual decisions. in relation with their personal data. The exercise of these rights must be made in writing, to the following contact details:

**Responsible:** EUROPEAN BOARD OF RADIOLOGY, S.L.

**NIF:** B-65668006

**Mailing address:** Paseo de Gracia, 86, Ático. 08007 Barcelona (Spain)

**Phone:** (+34) 936 764 169

**Fax:** (+34) 934 676 694

**Email:** [@myebr.org](mailto:@myebr.org)

42. **DISCLAIMER:**\_  
Given the specificities of the services provided by EBR to candidates during the post-examination term, by which EBR registers provide validation on the authenticity of the candidate's Diploma, the exercise of the candidate's rights on their personal data may collide with such service. In those events, in which the exercise of those rights prevented EBR from successfully performing such service, the contractual relation by which EBR is obliged to provide validation on a Diploma in accordance with its own registers shall determine the legal obligation of conservation of all data required for such validation, of which the candidate shall be expressly informed.

## **XII. AWARD OF THE EDiR CERTIFICATE**

43. EDiR certificates will only be awarded to successful candidates who:
- Are fully licensed and in active practice as trained radiologists (ESR full membership or corresponding membership required)
  - Have completed radiology training, with a minimum duration of five years, in a nationally accredited programme. In cases where the relevant training programme is less than five years duration, credit for experience as a supervised staff radiologist will be considered. (The total of training and supervised practical experience must be five years or more.)
  - Are ESR active members in the examination year.
44. The following documents must be submitted to the EBR office either during the application process or, if not immediately available, after the examination, in order to receive the EDiR certificate:
- Up-to-date **proof of licence** to practise in radiology from the official national registration body (for **corresponding members** and **private practitioners** only).
  - A **Certificate of Completion of Training (CCT)** from an official national registration body or training institution indicating a minimum of five years of radiology training. If the training has not been completed before the EDiR examination is taken, then, the CCT may be provided after completion of training.
  - A proof of membership of the ESR.

## **XIII. APPEALS PROCESS**

### **General Terms**

45. Regarding part 1 (MRQs and short cases), appeals can only be made if there is a technical problem during the test.
46. Regarding part 2 (CORE), appeals can only be made if candidates meet the following criteria:
  1. The candidate fulfills the minimum criteria.
  2. The candidate has completed the 10 cases.

Appeals cannot be made regarding the content of the examination.

47. The Appeals Commission shall be composed of three members co-opted by the EBR. The members shall include one appointee from the ESR Education Committee, with recognised expertise in European educational standards; one appointee from the ESR National Societies Committee; and the current EDiR Scientific Director. The Appeals Commission has the right to receive evidence from nominated experts or witnesses.
48. The Appeals Commission's decisions are final and are not subject to review by the EBR.
49. If a commission rules in favour of a candidate, no costs will be incurred by the candidate. If it rules in favour of the official EBR result, costs in relation to the enquiry shall be borne by the candidate.

#### **Procedure to initiate an appeal process**

The appeal procedure will depend on the part of the examination that is the subject of the appeal.

50. Candidates may only appeal in relation to the technical aspects of the examination. No appeal may be made in relation to the content. Any appeal must be requested up to 10 days after the examination results have been sent.

#### **XIV. POLICY ON REPEAT EXAMINATIONS**

51. An overall passing grade can only be achieved by passing each part of the examination.
52. An EDiR certificate will only be awarded to candidates who pass the EDiR examination and meet all of the eligibility criteria.
53. Candidates who fail the exam must re-sit the entire examination in order to receive the EDiR certificate. Results from the previous exam will not be considered.