



## BOARD EXAMINATION EMERGENCY SURGERY ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA 2015

To apply for certification as a Fellow of the European Board of Surgery in Emergency Surgery (F.E.B.S./EmSurg) a candidate has to undergo a two-step quality validation process: **Eligibility** and **Examination**. Eligibility is a prerequisite for Examination.

To apply for **Eligibility** the candidate must fulfill the following requirements:

1. Eligibility for all examinations run by the Divisions of the European Board of Surgery is open to candidates trained in one of the 28 European Union countries, a UEMS country (Iceland, Norway and Switzerland), an associated UEMS country (Armenia, Israel and Turkey) or a country with UEMS observer status (Georgia, Lebanon and Morocco).
2. Eligibility for all examinations run by the Divisions of the European Board of Surgery is also open to those candidates trained outside the UEMS area provided that the relevant Division is satisfied that the training and qualifications are equivalent.
3. The candidate must be able to communicate in the English language. Examinations in the local national language(s) may also be provided at the discretion of the executive.
4. A national Certificate of Completion of Specialist Training is a prerequisite.
5. The candidate must provide a **logbook** listing the candidate's experience of the required operations and procedures.
6. The content required in the logbook is published in "**Emergency Surgery Curriculum - Skills**".
7. The logbook must fulfil the European Board of Surgery Qualifications (EBSQ) criteria. For each procedure the date it was performed, patient's initials (or hospital admission number), type of procedure, whether performed as principal surgeon or assistant and the signed approval of an independent expert must be provided.
8. The logbook must not contain patients' names.
9. A candidate's individual logbook with comparable layout and structure may be accepted for the Eligibility process at the discretion of the committee. In any case the "**logbook summary**" in the EBSQ format is mandatory.
10. All candidates should have successfully completed the Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS®) provider course. A copy of the relevant certificate must be provided. As an alternative, candidates who provide satisfactory evidence within their logbook of the procedures listed in Category E will be exempt from this requirement.



11. Candidates should have completed the Definitive Surgical Trauma Care (DSTC®) course or an approved alternative. At present the approved alternatives are (i) the Definitive Surgical Trauma Skills (DSTS®) course or (ii) both the Advanced Trauma Operative Management (ATOM®) and the Advanced Surgical Skills for Exposure in Trauma (ASSET®) courses. Certificates of satisfactory completion must be provided. As an alternative, candidates who provide satisfactory evidence within their logbook of the procedures listed in Category F will be exempt from this requirement.
12. All candidates must have contributed to a published scientific paper for which they are listed as a co-author.
13. The candidate must have a total of **12 credit points** based on the following criteria:
  - Participation at recognized international congress (e.g. European Society for Trauma and Emergency Surgery (ESTES) or American Association for the Surgery of Trauma (AAST) (4 points)
  - Participation at recognized international congress (e.g. ESTES or AAST) and first authorship of an accepted paper or poster (8 points)
  - Participation national congress (2 points)
  - Participation at national congress and first authorship of an accepted paper or poster (4 points)
  - Publication (first authorship) in peer reviewed national surgical journal (8 points)
  - Publication (first authorship) in peer reviewed international surgical journal (12 points)
14. Candidates must be recommended by **2 independent experts** (e.g. the candidate's trainers). One of the experts must not currently work in the same region as the candidate.
15. Candidates are required to pay the fees for Eligibility (€350) and - if accepted - a further fee (€350) for the Examination. The Eligibility sum is to cover the costs associated with the processing of returned application forms by the central EBS office and is not refundable.
16. All payments must be effected by the required deadlines and there are no refunds for candidates who are deemed ineligible to sit the FEBS/EmSurg examination or do not succeed in passing the examination. In the event that a candidate has paid for the examination and does not attend the examination there will be no refund.
17. Reapplication is possible for the Eligibility process and/or the Examination.
18. Candidates who are successful in the Examination will be awarded the title "**Fellow of the European Board of Surgery in Emergency Surgery – F.E.B.S./EmSurg**".



A UEMS fellowship (F.E.B.S.) represents a high-level validated quality controlled process and reflects certain knowledge and skills of a candidate. The title F.E.B.S./EmSurg confirms that the holder has successfully demonstrated knowledge and skills in Emergency Surgery that, in most cases, far exceed the requirements for the national CCSTs.

The F.E.B.S./EmSurg qualification has no automatic legal recognition in the E.U. or in any other country. Individual recognition of qualifications by national authorities is supported by the EBSQ committee and is being adopted by increasing numbers of countries. The fellowship of itself does not imply an automatic right to independent practice nor does it automatically enhance participation in national social security systems of the E.U. The future perspective of this European diploma is to be seen in unanimous legalization within the ongoing project of the European harmonization process of medical education.