

## Part VI: APPLICATION FOR THE HONORARY CERTIFICATE (HC)

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### Preamble

The Honorary Certificate (HC) has been introduced in 2011. It was initially created as an option for senior transplant physicians to acquire the Fellowship of the European Board of Transplant Medicine without an examination until the UEMS examination has been established.

From 2026 on, the HC will only be attributed to an applicant recognised for a very high level of expertise in Transplantation Medicine and on the applicant's international profile. Taking the EBTM examination is also available for senior transplant medicine physicians.

### Present criteria and requirements for HC

**1.** The HC applicant must be at least a senior transplant physician or head of a transplant program. A minimum of 10 years continuous experience with a maximal of 2 years of academic research in transplant medicine are required. The applicant must demonstrate international recognition for her/his clinical and scientific activity, as well as teaching activity and active membership in recognized scientific associations in the field of transplantation.

**2.** The applicant must provide at least one (1) exam candidate who fulfils the selection criteria for the upcoming EBTM examination. If all other criteria are fulfilled, the HC can only be attributed after the exam candidate has applied and has been declared eligible by the UEMS.

**3.** The HC applicant is expected to actively participate within the EBTM working group if the honorary certificate is granted.

**4.** The applicant has to submit the following application documents. These documents have to be sent directly to the Chair and to the Senior Secretary of the EBTM to be presented to the Board.

**4a.** An updated CV and publication list. The CV must be subdivided in the following sections: clinical activities (most recent at the top), scientific activities, teaching activity in the field of transplantation, past and active memberships in national or international recognized scientific transplant associations. The publication list must entail all publications (most recent at the top) and the applicant's name highlighted in bold for each publication. A minimum of five publications is mandatory with a first or last authorship in a peer-reviewed journal.

**4b.** A letter of motivation signed by the applicant and with the official letterhead of the transplant center where the applicant is currently working.

**4c.** Two (2) letters of recommendation: one from the director or senior peer of the specific transplant centre where the applicant works and one from a transplant program director from another transplant centre or a letter from the president of the applicant's national transplant society. The letters of recommendation must emphasize the aspects of the applicant detailed under point 1.

