European Society of Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care

On-Line Assessment (OLA) - Regulations for Candidates

(1) Candidates must use their own laptop computer and its charger during the assessment, unless otherwise agreed with the Centre Host (local coordinator). Each candidate must ensure they have a computer with Ethernet port and/or WIFI connectivity available for the assessment. Internet connection and power sockets will be provided by the Centre Host. Candidates taking the OLA abroad must also ensure to have an appropriate power adaptor if needed.

(2) Candidates must be ready to enter the On-Line Assessment room with their identity card or passport and admission letter 30 minutes before the start of the assessment, unless otherwise specified by the Centre Host. Access codes for the OLA platform will be provided by the Host on the day once the identity document and admission letter have been checked.

(3) Candidates must leave all their belongings at the back of the assessment room during the assessment. In particular, no books, papers or other forms of literature may be brought into the assessment room. Mobile phones, smartwatches, cameras, palm computers, tablet computers, USB sticks and any electronic devices allowing Internet connection or remote communication other than the OLA laptop cannot be taken into the assessment room.

(4) Browsing the Internet is forbidden during the assessment. Candidates are only allowed to use the assessment software and any security software required by ESAIC, such as Safe Exam Browser. When such security software is required, candidates must use it throughout the assessment; failure to do so will result in the invalidation of the examination.

(5) The OLA is an individual exercise. Communication between candidates is strictly forbidden. Receiving external help is strictly forbidden.

(6) Candidates must fill in all answers. Candidates have a maximum of 90 minutes to complete each of the two sets of 60 questions. The ninety-minute countdown for each set of 60 questions starts as soon as the candidates have clicked the start button. Each candidate has a total of 3 hours to answer both sets of 60 questions. If a candidate has finished the first set of questions before the 90 minutes have elapsed, they may start the second set of questions, but they will not be given any extra time for that set of questions.

(7) Candidates with dyslexia or post-traumatic stress disorder will be awarded 15 additional minutes to complete each paper provided that they send a letter written and signed by a psychologist to the Examinations Office no later than 2 weeks after the registration deadline.

(8) The copyright of the assessment questions belongs to the ESAIC. The questions used for the assessment cannot be copied in any shape or form (screenshots, photographs, transcription, recording, etc.). Any form of copying of the questions is a serious breach of the regulations. In the event of this occurring, candidates involved will be disqualified from the assessment and will not be allowed to register for any EDAIC Examination in the 2 years following the year of the assessment. Furthermore, the ESAIC reserves the right to bring any legal action against any copyright infringement case before the appropriate court

of Brussels. To prevent such incidents, ESAIC will use GDPR-compliant technological tools helping with identification of candidates violating this rule.

(9) Smoking inside the assessment room is not permitted.

(10) Candidates can leave the assessment room quietly before the end of the allotted time only after receiving express approval from the invigilator.

(11) Detailed results will be e-mailed to the candidates a few weeks after the assessment. If candidates were registered as part of a group, their results will also be communicated to their Director of Training unless they are Specialists.

Improper conduct or breach of the above regulations during the Assessment may lead to the immediate expulsion of a candidate. Additionally, breach of the above regulations may lead to the exclusion of the candidate from any EDAIC Examination (including OLA) in the 2 years following the OLA, at the discretion of the ESAIC Examinations Committee.