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The ESICM is committed to ensuring that all candidates have an equal opportunity to demonstrate their ability in all types of examination settings, in so far as is reasonably practicable given the organisational challenges that running the EDIC I and EDIC II exams entail.

Wherever possible, the EDIC Committee may make reasonable adjustments to the examination process for candidates with special requirements, who cannot be assessed by the normal examination regulations.

Special requirements include notably:

- Physical or sensory impairments.
- Specific learning difficulties (e.g. dyslexia and dyspraxia) or other cognitive impairments.

All requests from candidates with a disability must include a written statement of support (delivered by a registered medical practitioner in the appropriate field **and** by their occupational department of their workplace, written **in the English language**). These statements must confirm that the candidate's difficulties warrant special examination arrangements. These statements will be dealt with by the ESICM. Appropriate tailored accommodations will be made by the ESICM where appropriate and reasonably practicable given the organisational challenges that running the EDIC I and EDIC II exams entail.

With respect to **dyslexia**, a candidate must provide the ESICM a written assessment within the last 12 months, delivered from an educational psychologist which includes a statement confirming that the candidate's difficulties warrant special examination arrangements, written **in the English language**. Such applications will be considered by the EDIC committee.

These statements must be submitted no sooner than **8 weeks** prior to the examination date. If a candidate is not able to supply the above documents within **8 weeks** of the examination date, then the candidate may choose to withdraw from the examination or proceed without special arrangements.

Examination adjustments proposals are subject to technical and logistical constraints of ESICM and its independent contractors.

Reasonable adjustments may include:

- Use of a scribe or amanuensis.
- Use of an appropriate aid.
- Enlargement of examination materials.
- Additional time (25% extra to standard amount)

After obtaining necessary documentation, adjustments may be approved if the candidate's circumstances justify such. Candidates will be notified in writing of any adjustments that have been permitted for their examinations.

Where a candidate does not believe the adjustments that he/she has been granted are reasonable, he/she may ask for their case to be reviewed by the EDIC Committee, whose decision will be final.

The EDIC Committee reserves the right to take independent advice to ensure that any proposed arrangements are appropriate and in accordance with any applicable legislation.

Medical conditions on the examination day

If there is any unforeseeable health problem affecting the performance of a candidate during the examination, this must be reported to the proctor/examination centre director on the day of the examination, ideally before the beginning of the exam, and candidate may be granted, where appropriate, and at the discretion of the proctor/examination centre director special adjustments to take the adverse circumstances into account. Such adverse circumstances cannot be brought to the attention of the EDIC Committee once examination results have been released.