EDIC part II

Online examination – technical requirements

Dear candidate,

The EDIC Part II examination currently follows the model of an objective structured clinical examination (OSCE) lasting at least 3 hours. The exam will take place in a virtual format and only directors, local coordinators, examiners and exam centre technical responsible will be physically in the exam centres.

The exam will follow the same proceedings: Candidates will have to pass several skill stations, including three different clinical scenarios using imitation patient charts and three computer stations where reading and interpretation of imaging, curves and biochemical scenarios are tested.

The exam will take place virtual and the candidates will connect via Internet. A **virtual examination room** will be allocated within the communication tool Big Blue Button where all the **virtual stations** will be available.

Therefore, we hereby provide you with the technical requirements that include accurate information to take the oral exam. Please read them carefully as it sets out the whole procedure and will help you prevent any possible issue that day.

Should you have any doubt, please do not hesitate to send us an email to: **education@esicm.org**

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GET READY FOR THE EXAM

Surroundings

The environment you decide to take the exam **must** meet the following **requirements**:

- The room must be quiet in order to avoid any distraction.
- You must be alone in the room.
- The workspace must be clear of all materials and unauthorised supports: books, notes and other written materials as well as devices: tablet, watches, calculators and mobile phones.
- Taking pictures, screenshots, recording, or trying to copy/paste any element of the exam content are strictly prohibited.

- There should be no background noise from radio, television or other devices.
- Taking notes on scratch papers and pencils/pens are allowed during the exam, but you need to inform the examiner first.
- You must be dressed appropriately, with your face visible to the examiner at all times.
- There must be nothing behind you in the background.

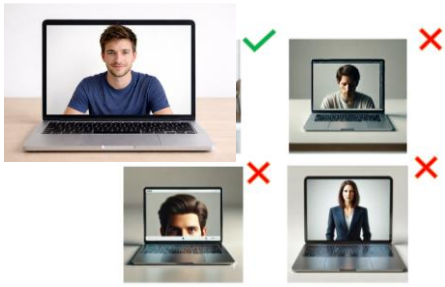


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- No breaks are allowed.
- The entire exam session will be recorded including the full proctoring period to support compliance with the exam rules.

Failure to adhere to the rules set out renders your exam result invalid.

Technical requirements

Verify that your computer meets the requirements before registering for the EDIC Part II exam. The exam cannot be taken if these requirements are not met. The following material is required:

- A strong and stable internet connection.
- A webcam, speaker and microphone.
- Headsets or earphones are allowed.
- Smartphones or tablets are not allowed to take the exam.

Your computer camera and microphone will need to be on during the exam. It will allow examiners to proceed with questions and to check your surroundings and equipment during the exam. Please check all the technical requirements you will need to take the exam:

- Use a laptop or desktop. Smartphones or tablets **are not allowed**.
- Verify you have strong internet connection during the whole exam.
    - Preferable if you have fixed network cable or at least good WIFI connection.
    - Make sure that nobody else is in your network to avoid consuming bandwidth.
- Use a modern and compatible browser such as Chrome or Firefox or MS Edge. Safari is not advisable as it will not be able to complete the audio setup.
- Verify you can use the microphone and camera.
- Close all other communication software such as Skype, Teams, Zoom, etc.
- Verify that you have allowed the browser (Chrome, Firefox) to use the audio and camera. Avoid using Safari.
- Check carefully that you have all prepared for the exam day.
- You must attend a rehearsal a few days before the exam. Attendance at this rehearsal is mandatory. Information about the rehearsal will be sent a few weeks before the exam.

Participation in the rehearsals is mandatory to ensure that all technical requirements are met during the exam day

THE EXAM DAY

How to connect

The exam will take place in the online communication platform Big Blue Button. You will be allocated in the **virtual station** according to the **time slot** indicated in the invitation letter. **A link will be provided to connect to the platform.**

Please follow these indications to connect to your station during the exam day:

- Copy the direct **virtual station link** and past it in your browser address bar.
- Use either Chrome, MS Edge or Firefox. Avoid Safari as it may involve some issues.
- If you cannot connect, please wait for a few minutes and retry. All time slots are scheduled according to specific times.

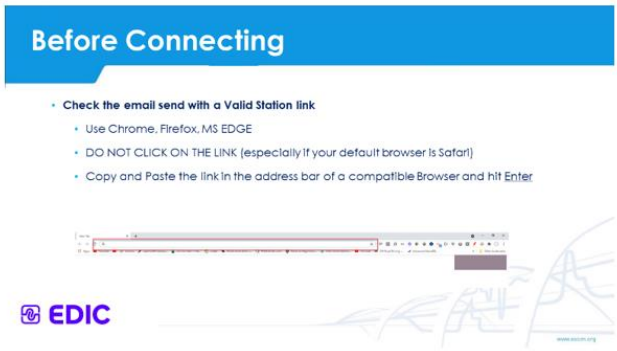


Figure 1: Prepare to connect in the Virtual Station Link

- Complete the audio test with microphone and speakers.



Figure 2: Audio Test

- You can always rejoin audio using the telephone icon located in the bottom center of the screen.

- Open your microphone and camera and check that work correctly.

- Once you have completed all the checking, wait for the examiner/s. Then, you will be asked to:

    - Identify yourself by showing the **ID (with photo)** or **passport** and the invitation letter.
    - Proceed with the **proctor checking**. You will be asked to check the environment and the equipment. It will take some minutes to verify that everything is correct and according to the **compulsory requirements** before you start the exam.

- Start your exam. You will be visited by different examiners to proceed with all CCS and CBS.
- **Remain connected in your station the whole examination**.
- If you need a short break, please inform your examiner.

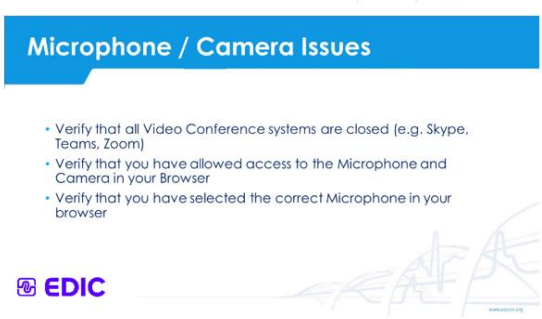


Figure 3: Tips for Microphone and Camera troubleshooting

Remember:

- Please ensure that you have your ID (or passport) and invitation letter with the correct validation date as this will be needed to check your identity the exam day.
- Set the exam located in a private, well-lit room with no one else around you.
- Clear your workspace from all materials.
- Close all third-party software and unplug any secondary monitors.
- Remove any non-religious head coverings.