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. If candidates take the OLA in an invigilated centre, Internet connection and power sockets will be provided by the Centre Host. One of the following programmes must be installed on the candidate's laptop: Mozilla Firefox (version 3.5 or later), Google Chrome or Microsoft Edge. Candidates taking the OLA abroad must also ensure to have an appropriate power adaptor if needed. For an optimal browsing experience, a resolution of 1024 pixels or higher is recommended for the screen width. Candidates must check the compatibility of their computer before the OLA at this address: https://www.ortrac.com/public/checklist.

(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, cameras, palm computers, tablet computers, USB sticks and any other type of electronic devices allowing Internet connection or remote communication cannot be taken into the assessment room.

(4) ESAIC may require candidates taking the OLA from home to comply with additional security measures to replace on-site invigilation (i.e.: remote monitoring by human observers using video supervision, AI (Artificial Intelligence) technology). The ESAIC will inform all candidates concerned in due time before the OLA of what the different security measures entail and ask for their proper consent and action. Should candidates refuse to fulfil the different requirements, they will not be able to take the OLA and will not be refunded of their registration fee.

(5) Access to the Internet is forbidden during the assessment. Candidates are only allowed to use the assessment software and in some cases the security software required by ESAIC during their assessment.

(6) The OLA is an individual exercise. Communication between candidates is strictly forbidden.

(7) 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 this set of questions. Additionally, candidates cannot return to a set of questions once completed. Candidates must only log in at the start of the first set of questions. In case they need to interrupt their

assessment for any reason, candidates cannot put the test on "hold" and the time allotted for the assessment will continue to run until the 90 minutes allowed per set of questions have elapsed.

(8) 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 maximum 2 weeks after the registration deadline.
The copyright of the examination questions belongs to the ESAIC. The questions used for the examination 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 examination regulations. In the event of this occurring, candidates involved will be disqualified from the examination and will not be allowed to register for any EDAIC Examination in the 2 years following the year of the examination. Furthermore, the ESAIC reserves the right to bring any legal action against any copyright infringement case before the appropriate court of Brussels.

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

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

(12) The percentage results of the candidates taking the OLA in an invigilated OLA centre will be displayed on the computer screen at the end of the assessment. Detailed results will be e-mailed to the candidates some 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 and ITA) in the 2 years following the OLA, at the discretion of the ESA Examinations Committee.