

Newsletter - July 2024

The European Examination of Gastroenterology and Hepatology (ESEGH)

Moving forward!

The 11th edition of the European Specialty Examination in Gastroenterology and Hepatology was sat on 3 April 2024. As per previous years, the 2024 examination was conducted using Computer Based Testing, at Pearson Vue test centers in the UK and around the world.

The examination consisted of two sessions of 3 hours. During each session candidates answered 100 best- of-five questions, which were displayed in a random order.

For this examination 72 questions were new i.e. they had not been pre-tested or used before and 128 items were re-used from previous diets.

Performance of candidates

A total of 608 candidates completed both sessions, 151 of those sitting in European centers other than the UK.

The group of 608 candidates had a mean score of 63.5% (S.D. = 8.3), with a range of 17.7% to 83.8%.

151 candidates sat in European centers other than the UK, their mean score was 65.9% (S.D. = 7.4), with a range of 45.0% to 81.8%.

There were 32 OTH trainees sitting this examination and their mean score was 62.0% (S.D. = 7.5), with a range of 42.9% to 76.3%.

The equated pass mark was set at 432 (63.6% or 126/198)

This resulted in a pass rate for all candidates of 53.3% (324/608)

UK trainees pass rate was 62.7% (136/217)

European centers (UK excluded) pass rate was 64.9% (98/151)

Performance per topic

Switzerland and Netherlands had the highest number of European candidates in 2024, 30 and 32. Switzerland candidates had a higher pass rate than UK trainees (76.7% vs 71.3%) and had a higher performance than UK trainees across all topics. Pancreatic disorders had the highest performance across all groups with Other and Small intestinal disorders having the lowest performance (Netherlands).

Moving forward

Starting in 2025, the delivery of ESEGH will be altered. The candidates will no longer need to travel to Pearson Vue Centers, as they will be able to sit the Exam in their homes/offices, using their own laptops, with the online format known as Remote Online Proctoring. This system is easy to use, has been in place for some years with good results including robust security measures.

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The 12th edition of the ESEGH will take place on 09 April 2025.