

CERTIFICATION IN PAEDIATRIC ALLERGOLOGY NON PAEDIATRICIANS (ETC-PA)

Introduction

The ongoing process of certification in Paediatric Allergy, was initially intended to certify Paediatricians with recognized training, clinical experience and scientific activity in this field, who might develop this new sub-speciality and create qualified Training Centres in their countries.

However, among the pioneers of Paediatric Allergology, there are also some Allergologists who devote most of their clinical activity to children and in many cases, were the teachers and the partners of Paediatricians in setting up centres to treat allergic children and train Paediatric Allergologists. Some of them have had staff positions as Allergologists in Paediatric Hospitals for many years alongside with Paediatricians, and have an outstanding clinical, teaching and scientific activity in Paediatric Allergology. A few, also have official recognition in their countries as Paediatric Allergologists

Although safeguarding the principle that, in the future, Paediatric Allergology will be a subspecialty of Paediatrics, it is reasonable and fair, that in an initial phase, some Allergologists who are not Paediatricians but have an appropriate training and knowledge in this field are also accepted as Paediatric Allergologists. This policy has been adopted in other Paediatric subspecialties with clear advantages for the organization of clinical and teaching centres.

The ETC-PA, therefore, extends the criteria of provisional certifications in Paediatric Allergology to Allergologists in the following conditions

Conditions for certification of Allergologists

Certification will be based on any of the following criteria:

1. Allergologists with the subspecialty, competence or equivalent differentiation in Paediatric Allergology recognized by professional, scientific or government departments, responsible for professional training and/or health care in their countries.
2. Allergologists with at least 2 years formal training in a Paediatric Allergy Unit supervised by a Paediatric Allergologist and with relevant clinical and research activity in the area.
3. Allergologists working in Paediatric Allergology for at least 5 years, as staff members in a Paediatric Hospital or a Paediatric Allergology Unit, integrated in a team with relevant clinical, teaching and research activity in the field.
4. Allergologists with a special interest in Paediatric Allergology, who, for at least 10 years, significantly contributed to the scientific progress in the field and the implementation of this subspecialty in their country, as judged by the Jury.
5. After June 1st 2019, it is a mandatory prerequisite for this certification that the candidate has also passed the Paediatric EAACI knowledge exam

Rules and procedures

1. This certification will be done during a temporary period starting in June 2007, until training centres are accredited in the countries of the candidates. After centres are accredited in a given country, only candidates successfully trained and/or evaluated in those centres or by national professional or scientific bodies or government departments, responsible for professional training, will be accepted as European Paediatric Allergologists by ETC-PA.
1. Candidates must submit one copy of their *Curriculum Vitae* in English, in electronic format to the secretary of the ETC-PA via the national delegate
2. The Jury will be constituted by
 - a. The Chairperson of the SP EAACI or his/her representative
 - b. The Liaison Officer of the ETC-PA in EAP
 - c. Element of recognized reputation nominated by the ETC-PA (this person may vary, and should preferably be the national delegate of the country of the candidate)
3. The Jury may ask for confirmatory documents or for additional elements and may require an interview with the candidate
4. All candidates must pay a 50 Euro fee, to cover administrative costs and eventual travel costs or other expenses of the Jury. This should be paid to the treasurer of the Clemens Von Pirquet Foundation
5. All accredited candidates will be given a diploma

Final comments

As for Paediatricians, accreditation according to these criteria will apply to existent situations and **will not be repeated in the future.**

Future accreditation in Paediatric Allergology will be reserved for Paediatricians who complete their training in accredited Centres, according to the European Training Program and, according to EAP rules.

Although this certification may enrich the individual *Curriculum Vitae* of the candidates as a prestigious quality label, it is simply a recognition of merit by a scientific society and does not *per se* confer any official title or license to practise as a paediatric allergologist in any European country

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