

CERTIFICATION IN PAEDIATRIC ALLERGOLOGY

Non-European specialists

Introduction

ETC-PA and the Section on Paediatrics of EAACI (SP-EAACI) have set up rules to certify European Paediatricians as European Paediatric Allergologists. However, this is just a title conferred by a Scientific Society that has no legal value as an official qualification or as a licence to practice Paediatric Allergology in European countries, a competence that is exclusive to national authorities.

Nevertheless this title has gained the status of a valuable prestige label that enriches the individual CV of its holders. Thus, ETC-PA proposes that the same rules followed for the accreditation of European doctors are applied to non European doctors to get the equivalence to the European Paediatric Allergist Diploma, with minor adaptations where required

Conditions for Certification

Certification will be based on any of the following criteria:

1. Doctors with double certification in both Paediatrics and Allergology in their country.
2. Paediatricians 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.
3. Paediatricians considered by the Jury to have fulfilled the Training Syllabus for Paediatric Allergology
4. Paediatricians with at least 2 years training in a Paediatric Allergy Unit with recognized official capacity to train allergologists in that country.
5. Paediatricians working in the field of Paediatric Allergology for at least 5 years, with a period of at least 2 years supervised by a certified allergologist.
6. Paediatricians with a special interest in Paediatric Allergology, who, for at least 10 years, significantly contributed to the scientific progress in the field of Paediatric Allergology and the implementation of this subspecialty in their country, as judged by the Jury.
7. After June 1st 2019, it is a mandatory prerequisite for this certification that the candidate has also passed the Paediatric EAACI knowledge exam

Candidates should fulfil all requirements that are set in general to medical specialists in Europe (UEMS) and must have a minimum three year training period in general paediatrics

Rules and procedures

1. Candidates must submit one copy of their *Curriculum Vitae* in English, in electronic format to the secretary of the ETC-PA.
2. The Jury will be constituted by
 - a. The President 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
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 possible 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 certifying the equivalence to the title of European Paediatric Allergologist

Final comments

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.