

Appendix 1: **Ad Eundem Fellowship of the JFICMI**

Introduction

For reference, the eligibility to sit the FJFICMI examination requires that a post-graduate doctor be at a senior (or completed) level of training in his/her base specialty and also to have achieved a specific year of JFICMI- approved, supervised, competency-based, supraspecialty*, specialist training in Intensive Care Medicine (see www.jficmi.ie/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Higher-Specialist-Training-in-Intensive-Care-Medicine.pdf for further information). Success at said JFICMI Fellowship examination and associated defined supraspecialty, specialty training indicates a high level of specialist competence in ICM and allows the successful candidate to be conferred with the status of FJFICMI, together with the attendant privileges and responsibilities.

The above allows the doctor to apply to the Medical Council of Ireland (IMC) to have the FJFICMI registered as a specific qualification. It does NOT however confer eligibility for admission to the specialist register in Intensive Care Medicine of the Medical Council of Ireland (IMC).

The requirements for such eligibility include certified completion of base-specialty training and the need for an additional (second) successful year of supervised, supraspecialty specialist training in Intensive Care Medicine and sign-off with a CCST in Intensive Care Medicine by the JFICMI – see requirements of Irish Medical Council as outlined in its Guidance document for Applicants applying for entry to the specialist division of Register in Intensive Care Medicine.

Fellowship of the JFICMI *Ad Eundem* indicates that a status comparable with FJFICMI success (by examination and training) has been attained by an alternative pathway (see options below) and that the JFICMI is willing after due consideration to recognise and welcome such a candidate as a Fellow of the JFICMI with the same privileges and responsibilities as that of a Fellow by examination / training.

Nothing in this document shall be read or construed to oblige the Joint Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine of Ireland to admit a candidate to Fellowship *Ad Eundem*, should the Board of the Joint Faculty decide to suspend at any time this method of admission to Fellowship.

Application

An application for *Ad Eundem* Fellowship should be addressed to the Chairperson of the JFICMI Credentials Committee. After consideration, and a positive recommendation by the Credentials Committee, a majority decision of the Board of the Joint Faculty may allow the applicant to be admitted to Fellowship of the Joint Faculty *Ad Eundem*.

Before making such a recommendation to the Board, the Credentials Committee will have assessed (on the basis of the application, supportive documentation and validation) that a defined level of Intensive Care Medicine specialist competence and expertise has been attained. For applicants who have certified completion of a base-specialty training programme, such competence and expertise in Intensive Care Medicine will have been attained by means of a supervised, supraspecialty, specialist training and examination programme which is comparable with success at the FJFICMI - as outlined in the Higher Specialist Training document (See www.jficmi.ie/training) and as summarised in the introduction above.

The fee payable on submission of an application for Ad Eundem Fellowship assessment is €450.

Eligibility criteria

- a. The current view of the JFICMI (subject to constant review) is that a holder of either of the following two qualifications has achieved a level of specialty competence, by formal training and examination, which is comparable with the FJFICMI and will therefore be eligible for *Ad Eundem* Fellowship status:
 1. Fellowship of the College of Intensive Care Medicine (FCICM) of Australia and New Zealand.
 2. Fellowship of the Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine (UK).

- b. A consultant in Ireland who has a rostered, sessional, active practice in Intensive Care Medicine and who has FJFICMI- 'comparable training' as evidenced by appropriate documentation and validation, including being a holder of one of the specialist qualifications below may be deemed acceptable, on application to the JFICMI credentials committee, for *Ad Eundem* Fellowship status
 - American Board of Anaesthesiology Certification in Critical Care Medicine
 - American Board of Internal Medicine Board Certification in Critical Care Medicine
 - European Diploma in Intensive Care Medicine (EDIC 2)
 - A qualification of another Faculty, College or equivalent institute of Intensive Care Medicine, together with training, which is comparable to the standard of Fellowship of the Joint Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine will be considered.

In the case of applicants who are holders of any of the qualifications itemised above, the credentials committee's evaluation of the applicant's training programme must be satisfied that it meets the requirement for training which is comparable with FJFICMI status. The process of validation of the applicant's training may be as specified in section c. below.

- c. An Irish postgraduate doctor, or one who is practising and registered in Ireland, who has completed comparable training to the Fellowship of the Joint Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine of Ireland and / or is a holder a qualification specified in b above or that of another Faculty, College or equivalent institute of Intensive Care Medicine, may, on the recommendation of the JFICMI Credentials Committee and the majority decision of the Board of Faculty, be admitted to the Fellowship of the Joint Faculty Ad Eundem.

In the case of applicants under this section who are holders of any of the qualifications itemised in section b. above, the credentials committee's evaluation of the applicant's training programme must be satisfied that it meets the requirement for training which is comparable with FJFICMI status. The evaluation entails a validation process which may involve the applicant attending an interview with the Credentials Committee, as a consequence of which, further requirements may be specified (see below).

The outcome categories of such a validatory process / interview may be to accept that:

- i. the applicant's training is substantially comparable to FJFICMI status.
- ii. the applicant's training is partially comparable to FJFICMI status but with specified further supervised clinical / training activities and outcomes to be achieved.
- iii. the applicant's training is not comparable to FJFICMI status.

Supervised clinical work in JFICMI-accredited centres before the interview may be considered retrospectively. In certain circumstances, clinical / training periods, which are completed on a part- time basis, will be considered.

If the outcome category (see itemised above) is

- i. A short period (not greater than 6months) of satisfactory supervised clinical practice undertaken under the direction of a JFICMI-designated specialist consultant in Intensive Care Medicine in an JFICMI-accredited training centre may be required.
- ii. A period of not greater than 12 months of satisfactory supervised clinical practice, undertaken under the direction of a JFICMI-designated specialist consultant in Intensive Care Medicine, in a JFICMI-accredited training centre, will be specified by the Credentials Committee.

iii. It may be recommended that the applicant undertake formal supraspecialist, specialist JFICMI training and examination in the standard manner.

If the candidate progresses through either outcome i. or ii., the satisfactory completion of the process, particularly if a knowledge / competence deficit has been identified during the period of supervision, may entail the applicant being directed to undertake and pass the JFICMI examination, once the applicant's training is deemed comparable.

The final decision on the appropriate remediation or other course of action will be taken by the Board of the Joint Faculty on the recommendation of its Credential's committee.

- d. A Comhairle na nOspidéal (or equivalent) appointed Hospital consultant with substantial rostered sessional Intensive Care Medicine day and night-time commitment and who was appointed prior to 2009 is eligible to apply for Ad Eundem Fellowship.
- e. A Paediatric Intensive Care post-graduate doctor or consultant, who has not attained the JFICMI by examination, may apply to the JFICMI for Ad Eundem Fellowship admission in the standard manner. The validation process of such a doctor will include the requirement for:
 - possession of certificate acknowledging satisfactory completion of an accredited, minimum 2-year continuous post graduate training program in paediatric intensive care medicine which may or may not have an exit exam.

Regulations pertaining to all JFICMI *Ad Eundem* Fellows:

The elected Fellow *Ad Eundem* shall not assume the title until s/he has made the declaration and affirmation of a Fellow in the presence of the Dean and signed the Roll of Fellows.

The fee for admission to the Fellowship *Ad Eundem* is the same as the standard conferring fee.

*** Supraspecialty, specialist training (in Intensive Care Medicine):** Is specialty training which is undertaken

1. after completion and sign-off e.g. by Certificate of Completion of Specialist Training (CCST or equivalent) by a specific postgraduate base specialty training body in Anaesthesia, Medicine, Surgery or Emergency Medicine.

2. prospectively in a structured manner under the supervision of a recognised, specific Intensive Care Medicine training body such as the Joint Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine of Ireland and is recognised and signed off by the said training body.

In Ireland, it is recognised that one year of supra-specialist, specialty training in Intensive Care Medicine may be permitted and achieved during base-specialty training provided the base specialty trainee undertakes the training in a prospective manner as a registered JFICMI trainee. Such supraspecialty training is required to be undertaken in JFICMI-recognised training centres under the supervision of JFICMI trainers and supervisors of training and to be compliant with JFICMI regulations. It culminates in the successful sign-off of training, success at the JFICMI fellowship exam and the award of FJFICMI by the Joint Faculty.

Further to the above, any doctor with a base specialty (non-ICM) qualification who is applying for an *Ad Eundem* FJFICMI must

1. Show that his / her base specialty training is complete and that his / her qualification and specialty completion confers eligibility for the relevant base specialty, specialist registration with the Medical Council of Ireland
2. Show that his / her supraspecialist, specialty training in Intensive Care Medicine is comparable with the successful completion of the supraspecialty training and fellowship examination programme of the JFICMI in Ireland.

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