



Joint Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine of Ireland

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JFICMI Fellowship Ad Eundem Information

Awarding of a Fellowship of the JFICMI Ad Eundem indicates that a status comparable with Fellowship of JFICMI (FJFICMI) by training and examination 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 training and examination. To be eligible for recommendation for admission to Fellowship of the JFICMI Ad Eundem applicants should have regular sessional commitments to the practice of Intensive Care Medicine (to include daytime and on-call commitments).

Persons holding Fellowships of other Faculties, Colleges of European or other equivalent qualifications and training recognised by the board of the JFICMI and who are in bona fide practice of their specialty may on the majority vote of the Board be admitted to Fellowship of the JFICMI *Ad Eundem*. Such persons are required to first be approved by the Credentials Committee.

For reference, requirements for eligibility for Fellowship of the JFICMI by training and examination include that the post graduate doctor:

- be at a senior (or completed) level of training in their base specialty and hold a fellowship examination in their base specialty or equivalent
- has completed 12 months of supervised structured full-time competency based supra-specialty training in ICM in JFICMI- approved centres as defined in the JFICMI Higher Specialist Training in ICM document. This can be completed either continuously or in modules of not less than 2 months
- has successfully completed the Fellowship examination of the JFICMI.

The awarding of Fellowship of the JFICMI indicates a high level of competence in ICM and currently in Ireland confers eligibility to apply for a position as a Consultant with a Special Interest in ICM.

It does NOT however confer eligibility for admission to the Specialist Division of the Register (SDR) of Medical Specialists of the Medical Council of Ireland ('Medical Council'). The process for awarding of Fellowship Ad Eundem by the JFICMI is independent to that of the Medical Council for admission to the SDR of Medical Specialists.



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For those doctors who wish to be included on the SDR in ICM the various routes are outlined on the Medical Council website (www.medicalcouncil.ie).

Application

An application for Fellowship *Ad Eundem* should be addressed to the Chairperson of the JFICMI Credentials Committee. After consideration, and a positive recommendation by the Credentials Committee, a doctor may on the recommendation of a two thirds majority of those present and voting at a meeting of the Board, be admitted to Fellowship of the JFICMI *Ad Eundem*.

Before making such a recommendation to the Board, the Credentials Committee will have assessed (based on the application, supporting documentation and validation) that a defined level of Intensive Care Medicine competence and expertise has been attained which is comparable to the JFICMI by training and examination.

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 competence, by formal training and examination, which is comparable with the JFICMI and will therefore be eligible for *Ad Eundem* Fellowship status:
 1. Fellowship of the College of Intensive Care Medicine of Australia and New Zealand (FCICM ANZ)
 2. Fellowship of the Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine UK (FFICM UK).

OR

- b. A consultant in Ireland who has a rostered, sessional, active practice (to include daytime and on-call commitments) in Intensive Care Medicine and who has JFICMI- 'comparable training' may be deemed acceptable, on application to the JFICMI credentials committee, for *Ad Eundem* Fellowship status. Training will be assessed to ensure comparability to the JFICMI training standards in use at the time of application. Training must be evidenced by appropriate documentation and validation, including being a holder of one of the specialist tests of knowledge listed below:



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- American Board of Anaesthesiology Certification in Critical Care Medicine
- American Board of Internal Medicine Certification in Critical Care Medicine
- European Diploma in Intensive Care Medicine (EDIC Part 1 + 2)
- A test of knowledge of another Faculty, College or equivalent institute of Intensive Care Medicine recognised by the JFICMI, together with training, which is comparable to the standard of Fellowship of the Joint Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine will be considered.

OR

- c. A postgraduate doctor who has completed recognised training in Ireland, 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 of a qualification specified in “b” above or that of another Faculty, College or equivalent institute of Intensive Care Medicine recognised by the JFICMI, may, on the recommendation of the JFICMI Credentials Committee and the majority decision of the Board of the JFICMI, be admitted to Fellowship of the Joint Faculty *Ad Eundem*.

OR

- 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 a JFICMI *Ad Eundem* Fellowship.



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In the case of applicants under section “b” or “c” 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 at the time of application. 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 validity 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. *Substantially Comparable* a short period (not greater than 6 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 may be required.
- ii. *Partially Comparable* 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 require
- iii. *Not comparable* it may be recommended that the applicant undertake formal supra-specialty JFICMI training and examination in the standard manner.



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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 course of action will be taken by the Board of the Joint Faculty on the recommendation of its Credentials Committee.

Regulations pertaining to all JFICMI Ad Eundem Fellows

The elected Fellow *Ad Eundem* shall not assume the title until they have 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 currently the same as the standard conferring fee. The JFICMI annual subscription fee applies once the Fellow is admitted.

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.

All Fellows *Ad Eundem* must comply with the requirements of the Standing Orders of the JFICMI.

The process for consideration of applications for Fellowship *Ad Eundem* by the JFICMI is in no way related to that of the Medical Council for admission to the Specialist Division of the Register of Medical Specialists.