

PRES Knowledge Base Exam in Pediatric rheumatology (PRES KBE)

PRES KBE is intended as a measure of the knowledge that should have been achieved at the end of a training in pediatric rheumatology.

Assessment of knowledge is one component of assessing competencies. It must be taken into account with other measures, such as clinical skills and volume of experience.

Successful candidates will get a certificate demonstrating that their theoretical knowledge of pediatric rheumatology is according to the PRES syllabus approved by UEMS (European Union of Medical Specialists).

No national medical body can be obliged to recognize the exam in their country, but it will be valuable evidence of a level of training that will be recognized as such across all the world.

Who can apply?

It is open to pediatricians who are doing a training program in pediatric rheumatology. Applicants will need to provide a letter of confirmation from their training institute that certifies the trainee is a qualified pediatrician, who is doing his training in pediatric rheumatology.

The PRES KBE is open to already practicing pediatric rheumatologists who would like to confirm their ongoing professional development, or for revalidation. Those pediatric rheumatologists already practicing may present the certificate as pediatric rheumatologist, or attestation from the Clinical Director of the Institution, the Head of the Department or equivalent, of their position in a pediatric rheumatologist post.

PRES KBE in Pediatric rheumatology

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

A. GENERAL STATEMENT

By registering for the PRES KBE, the candidate confirms that he/she adheres to the terms and conditions as stipulated within this binding document.

B. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA & REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

1. Candidate must meet all eligibility criteria and provide all required documentation during the online registration within the registration period in order to be accepted to sit the examination.
2. The registration period (i.e. start/end of registrations) will be announced on the PRES website
3. To register for the examination, candidates must:

Eligibility criteria:

- 1.1 Be a qualified pediatrician with current full medical registration AND
- 1.2 Be enrolled in a training program in Pediatric rheumatology,
OR
- 3.3 Be in a career grade (substantive) post in Pediatric rheumatology.

Required documentation:

- 3.4 Provide a university-awarded medical degree AND
 - 3.5 Provide a certificate in Pediatrics AND
 - 3.6 Provide a recent photograph (portrait format, passport sized) AND
 - 3.7 Provide attestation (for example, from the Training Director or Clinical Director) of their position on a Pediatric rheumatology training program,
OR
 - 3.8 Provide attestation from the Clinical Director of the Institution, the Head of the Department or equivalent, of their position in a pediatric rheumatologist post.
4. Each registration will be ratified within 21 days. The outcome of the application will be conveyed by email. Application fees will be collected at the time of the registration. If the application is rejected, the applicant will receive a reimbursement of the fees paid.
 5. The candidate must provide copies of original documentation. The PRES secretary has the right to ask for an official translated documentation in cases where the documentation provided is in a language other than English. The PRES secretary has the right to ask candidates to provide any additional documents if eligibility remains unclear.

6. The PRES secretary has the right to reject any candidate who does not provide all necessary documentation that clearly proves his/her eligibility to sit for the exam.
7. If taking the exam at a center, each candidate must ensure that all travel requirements are met to enter the country where the examination is to be held, and organize all the necessary documentation well in advance (e.g. visa). The PRES secretary can provide an invitation letter upon request.

C. EXAMINATION FEES & PAYMENT POLICY

1. The examination fees set for the 2024 examination are:
 - a. Trainees PRES members: 100 €
 - b. Trainees non-PRES members: 200 €
 - c. Pediatric rheumatologists PRES members: 200 €
 - d. Pediatric rheumatologists non-PRES members: 250 €
1. Registration for the examination is considered incomplete until the PRES secretary receives full payment of the examination fee.
2. Payments that are not received by the PRES secretary within 14 days after the end of the registration period will lead to disqualification of the participant from the examination registrations.
3. No refund of the examination fee is made for cancellations, withdrawals or not attending the examination.
4. No refund of the examination fee is made for candidates who are found to have cheated or copied questions.
5. Reduced fees may apply to candidates who are sent by their National Training Authority to sit the examination as part of the national exit examination. In order for this to take effect, a written agreement between PRES and the national society must be arranged.
6. Reduced fees may apply for those who do not pass the exam, so that they can have the opportunity to take the exam at the next occasion at a reduced fee.

D. REGULATIONS FOR EXAMINATIONS

1. The examination will be held once a year during the PRES congress.
2. Each candidate must register at the signing desk in front of the examination room in good time for the examination (at least 20 minutes ahead of the start time).
3. Each candidate must bring the personal voucher and an identification document (valid passport, national ID, driver's license) in order to enter the examination room and sit the examination.
4. No other items and personal belongings apart from 1 sweater or jacket (i.e. no bags, smartphones, wallets, etc.) can be brought with the candidate to his/her examination desk. Essential medical items and toiletries may be permitted.
5. All electronic devices left at the makeshift drop-off place must be switched off.
6. Thirty minutes after the indicated start time, the examination room closes, and no participants will be allowed to enter.
7. Electronic devices will be made available to all candidates at the exam and will contain the questions. Answers will be entered directly into the device.
8. Examination aids (e.g. calculator, notes) are not permitted.

9. During the examination, only technical questions will be answered by invigilators, but no questions regarding the content. You are requested to raise your hand in case you have a question.
10. Only 1 person may leave the room for a toilet break at a time. You are requested to raise your hand and ask an invigilator to be escorted.
11. Copying or cheating of any form may result in immediate exclusion from the ongoing examination as well as exclusion from future applications to sit the examination. The decision will be at the discretion of the examination supervisor.
12. It is strictly forbidden to either copy or disclose the examination questions in any way. All examination content is confidential.
13. When finished (before or at the end of the allocated time), each candidate must stay at his/her desk and raise hand to notify an invigilator.
14. No material can be taken out of the examination room by the candidates, either during or after the examination.
15. Candidates must always follow the instructions of onsite examination supervisors and staff.

F. EXAMINATION STRUCTURE & BLUEPRINT

1. The examination tests knowledge and applied knowledge only.
2. The exam questions are written by the PRES KBE committee formed by PRES members, and compiled by the PRES KBE coordinators.
3. The examination is in the form of multiple-choice questions (MCQs), best of four.
4. All questions require a single best answer.
5. The examination is delivered only in English.
6. The examination is designed using the PRES syllabus in Pediatric Rheumatology approved by UEMS (currently version 2018)
7. The questions selected for the examination are mapped to the examination blueprint. This blueprint shows all topics covered in the examination and the average percentage of questions devoted to each of these topics.

G. SCORING & RESULTS

1. One point is awarded for each correctly answered question.
2. There is no negative marking for incorrect answers.
3. An unanswered question is considered incorrect.
4. After the examination, an independent partnering institution will be asked to review all answers for results evaluation and statistical analysis
5. In order to pass the examination, candidates must score a number of points equal or higher than the passing score set by the examination committee.
6. Examination results will be available within 6 weeks of the examination date. Each candidate will also receive a notification email.
7. Examination results include:
 - 7.1 Official results letter (including subscore analysis)
 - 7.2 Digital certificate

H. CERTIFICATE DISTRIBUTION

1. A digital certificate will be provided to each candidate.
2. A printed certificate will be provided to each candidate on request.

I. USE OF PERSONAL DATA

1. By registering for the PRES KBE, the candidate gives consent to PRES to process his/her personal data exclusively related to the organization of the given examination, determination of the examination result, maintenance of registry of successful/unsuccessful examination attempts, but also for statistical purposes and research.
2. PRES can share necessary anonymized personal data of the candidates with CYIM (platform for examination technical support) and with the independent partnering institution in charge of reviewing answers for results evaluation and statistical analysis. Neither of them cannot share these personal data with any other third party unless written consent from PRES and the candidate is given.
3. The retention period of examination answers of each candidate is 12 months from the date of the examination. After expiration of this period, the files will be destroyed.
4. All examination results are stored electronically by PRES secretary for further statistical analysis and research.