



Rules CSC

Introduction

- Content, knowledge and learning objectives of the Core Surgical Curriculum (CSC) are published on the [Swiss College of Surgeons \(SCS\)](http://www.swisscollegeofsurgeons.ch) internet site.
- The trainee needs to register with the [SCS secretariat](#) and will automatically become a junior member of the SCS.
- The trainee will receive a personal access to the CSC app/domaine internet site (to register click [here](#)).
- The trainee needs to download the app for the EPA's and register (click [here](#)).
- The responsibility for training and completion of the CSC lies with the trainee.
- All required documents (pdf) need to be uploaded on the trainee's CSC domaine (app/internet site) by the trainee. Once all required documents are uploaded, an automated summary will be generated. This document needs to be signed and sent to the [SCS secretariat](#).
- Upon verification by the CSC commission the SCS secretariat will issue a CSC certificate.

Criteria's for completion of the CSC

All criteria's must be completed.

1. **E-learning:** All modules need to be completed (automated certificate on the CSC app/domaine)
2. **EPA's :** 18 mandatory EPA' and 1/3 of the optional EPA's must be completed. The trainee needs to download the app for the EPA's and register (click [here](#)).

	Title	mandatory	optional
1	Elective admission	X	
2	Informed consent	X	
3	Postop. management	X	
4	Discharge	X	
5	Critically ill patients	X	
6	Conversation with patient/relative	X	
7	Case presentation	X	
8	Hand-over	X	
9	Ward round	X	
10	Scientific work	X	
11	Preparation for Surgery	X	
12	Surgical access	X	
13	Wound closure	X	
14	Abscess	X	
15	Chest tube		X
16	Surgical drains	X	
17	Urinary catheter	X	
18	Postop. wound care	X	
19	Traumatic wound	X	
20	Camera navigation		X
21	Reduction of a fracture or luxation		X



3. **Hands-on courses:** Attendance of 4 different hands-on courses. In addition to the certificate of the hands-on course the following information needs to be recorded: Name of the CME accreditation society and total CME points.

Criteria for hands-on courses:

- A hands-on course is defined as a course where at least 50% of the course time practical (hands-on) exercises are performed by the trainee.
- Course must be accredited with CME points by one of the basic organization of the SCS, or a national /international surgical society.
- Request of accreditation of a course can be sent to the SCS office. Decision of acceptance will be made by the CSC commission.
- A list of accredited courses can be seen [here](#).

4. **SCS annual Congress:** Attendance of at least one [SCS annual congress](#).

5. **CSC Assessment:** Passing of the multiple-choice CSC examination.

Currently this examination is under construction and will be similar to the Core Surgical Examination; previously known as "Basisexamen, Examen de base". Passing of the CSC Assessment will only be required once the examination is available.

CSC commission

- The [CSC commission](#) consist of two full members of the SCS and the general secretary of the SCS (ex officio).
- The CSC commission is elected by the executive board of the SCS. Their term of office is 4 years. Re-election is possible indefinitely.
- The CSC commission will verify all submitted documents of the trainee and will grant the CSC certificate.

Appeals commission

- The [appeals commission](#) consist of three members.
- The appeals commission is elected by the executive board of the SCS. Their term of office is 4 years. Re-election is possible indefinitely.
- The appeals committee is responsible for all appeals against decisions made by the CSC commission.
- Appeals must be submitted to the appeals committee within 60 days. Appeals can be submitted in German, French, Italian or English. The appeals commission will process the appeal within 60 working days.
- Appeals are subject to a fee. The amount of the fee is determined by the appeals committee.
- Fee for Appeal: 500 CHF



Right of appeal

- An appeal against the decision of the CSC commission may be lodged with the appeals commission (Office of the Swiss College of Surgeons, Bahnhofstrasse 55 CH-5001 Aarau) within 60 days of the decision being issued. The appeal must be submitted in writing and in duplicate. It must contain the request, the reasons for the request, the evidence and the signature of the appellant. The contested decision and the documents involved as evidence must be enclosed if the appellant has them in his/her possession.
- Appeals will only be dealt with once the fees are paid.

Change of rules

- If the herein rules are changed, every trainee who is currently doing the CSC can choose to finish it under the "last" or the "new revised" rules during 3 years. For all others the newly approved rules apply.

These rules (V1) were approved by the executive committee of the SCS on 24.04.2024