



ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN IRELAND

REGULATIONS GOVERNING ADMISSION TO FELLOWSHIP AD EUNDEM

Criteria

The grounds for recommendation for this mode of admission to the Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) shall apply to persons engaged in the practice of surgery and its specialties. To be proposed for election, a candidate should:

- a. have reached a standard in surgery commensurate with that of a practising consultant surgeon, of good standing, in Ireland at a similar stage of career;
- b. be currently making/will make a meaningful contribution to the activities and interests of the RCSI;
- c. have the written support of two Fellows of the RCSI, personally known to the applicant.
- d. hold a Fellowship, by examination, of any one of the bodies listed in Table 1 and/or one of the qualifications listed in Table 2 of this document OR is practising surgery at a high level of distinction, minimally at consultant or equivalent status.

Application Process

The applicant will forward the following to the Managing Director of Surgical Affairs, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, 121 St Stephen's Green, Dublin 2. By email to adeundem@rcsi.ie:

- › Completed application form (Form A)
- › Current curriculum vitae.

In addition to the above, two statement of support forms (Form B), completed independently by two RCSI Fellows in good standing who will sponsor the application must be sent by each Sponsor directly to Surgical Affairs, RCSI. Each statement of support form must be signed by the sponsor within 12 months of the date of the application.

Application for election to the Fellowship Ad Eundem shall be referred by the Managing Director of Surgical Affairs to the Committee for Surgical Affairs for consideration and report.

On receiving a recommendation from the Committee for Surgical Affairs, the RCSI Council shall consider the matter.

The names of those admitted to the Fellowship Ad Eundem shall be specially marked on the Roll of Fellows and the date of their entitling qualification shall be indicated.

The decision of Council shall be final and no correspondence shall be entered into.

The description of a Fellow elected in this manner shall be FRCSI.

Election to the Fellowship Ad Eundem shall not be published until the elected Fellow has made the declaration and affirmation of a Fellow in the presence of the President and signed the Roll of Fellows.

Nothing in these Ordinances shall be read and construed as obliging the Council to admit a candidate to the Fellowship Ad Eundem should the Council decide to suspend for the time being this method of admission of the Fellowship.

A Fellow elected under this section shall enjoy the same rights as other persons elected to the Fellowship after examination and is expected to remain in good standing. Current Fellowship fees can be found at <http://www.rcsi.ie/fampsubs>

Any individual application shall be held on file (pending receipt of any requested supplementary information) for a maximum of twelve months from the date of the last correspondence. If no update or correspondence is received within this time frame, the application will be noted as incomplete and closed. Thereafter, the applicant will be required to submit a new application if he/she wishes to do so.

If an application is refused for a second time, a minimum moratorium of five years applies before the candidate may next re-apply.

The process for consideration of applications for Fellowship Ad Eundem by RCSI is in no way related to that of the Irish Medical Council for admission to their register of Medical Specialists.

Table 1

An applicant must hold a fellowship of any one of the following. The fellowship must have been attained by sitting the relevant examinations.

- Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of England
- Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh
- Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Glasgow (Surgery)
- Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons
- Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Canada (Surgery)
- Fellowship of the American College of Surgeons
- Fellowship of the College of Surgeons of South Africa
- Fellowship of the College of Surgeons (Hong Kong)
- Fellowship of the Academy of Medicine of Singapore (Surgery)

Table 2

- U.S. Board Certification in any of the specialties of Surgery
- Equivalent European qualification as determined by RCSI