

European Board of Gastroenterology and Hepatology Examination Reasonable Adjustments Policy

1. Introduction

- 1.1 If any candidate is unable, through disability or other special need, to be assessed by the methods set out in the Regulations, the EBGH may make reasonable adjustments to the examination.
- 1.2 The nature of these adjustments will vary in terms of the nature and extent of the candidate's difficulty or disability, and the individual requirements of the examination, but will be to the purpose that no candidate is disadvantaged in their examinations by virtue of their disability or other special need.
- 1.3 In considering requests for adjustments, the EBGH also has a responsibility to ensure that the integrity of the examination is preserved; that special arrangements made for any candidate do not give that candidate an unfair advantage over other candidates, or could give rise to a misleading impression of that candidate's performance in the examination.

2. Procedures

- 2.1 Any candidate who has a physical disability, specific learning disability or any other special need that they believe could affect their performance in an examination may be entitled to reasonable adjustments. All such candidates should inform the EBGH Examination administrators of this at the time of each application, by indicating this on the application form. They will then be contacted by the EBGH Examination administrators.
- 2.2 Candidates whose need for reasonable adjustments only occurs after the submission of their application (due to sudden illness or accident) must contact the EBGH Examination administrators as soon as practicable.
- 2.3 Candidates are advised that failure to contact the EBGH promptly may mean that there will be insufficient time for some or all of the permitted arrangements to be put in place.
- 2.4 In all cases the candidate will be required to submit full written details of any special need they wish to be taken into account at the time of their first application, or where the nature of the disability or need changes over time. This must include comprehensive supporting evidence by an appropriate authority (ie. the candidate's registered doctor). In cases of dyslexia or any other learning disability, the EBGH Examination administrators will require a Psychological

Assessment Report made by a qualified educational psychologist, which must have been conducted after the candidate was sixteen years of age.

3. Consideration of Arrangements

- 3.1 Where the EBGH Examination administrators have an established precedent for an adjustment for a particular disability or special need the case will be considered by the Head¹ of the relevant administration office. Where there is no precedent for a requested adjustment, or for a particular disability or special need, the case will require further consideration.
- 3.2 Where the EBGH Examination Administrators have no precedent for an adjustment for a particular disability or special need, or where the adjustment requested is more significant than any previously permitted for that disability or special need, then the case must be considered by the Chair of the relevant Examining Board. To ensure consistency, the Chair of another Examining Board must also support the adjustment before it may be considered to be approved.
- 3.3 It is accepted that the following adjustments may be approved if the candidate's circumstances justify such action:
- Enlargement of exam scripts or materials;
 - The use of a scribe or an amanuensis;
 - Additional time allowed for assessments.
- This is not an exclusive list but indicative of the most common adjustments made for examinations.
- 3.4 Candidates will be notified in writing of any adjustments that have been permitted for their examinations.
- 3.5 Any adjustment that would involve a change to the format of any part of the EBGH Examination shall be considered by the Management Board. Similarly, the EBGH Examination administrators or Examining Board may seek the advice of the Management Board if a case raises issues of policy.
- 3.6 In all cases the EBGH reserves the right to take independent advice to ensure that any proposed arrangements are appropriate and in accordance with any applicable legislation.
- 3.7 Details of all requests for adjustments on the grounds of disability or other special need, and the adjustments that were approved (if any), shall be regularly reported to the Academic Quality Management and Research Committee for the purposes of monitoring and review.

4. Appeals

- 4.1 Where a candidate does not believe the adjustments they have been granted are reasonable, they may ask for their case to be reviewed by the Medical Director. This decision will be final.

¹ In these procedures, all staff referred to may nominate an appropriate person to act on their behalf.