

Admission Requirements (FIAC)

Only applicants who have been members (MIAC) of the IAC for at least two years may take the examination of the International Board of Cytopathology.

Please note: IAC Membership or Fellowship does not circumvent regulations of licensing agencies of individual countries. Before seeking employment in another country it is advisable to check the local regulations.

Please send the completed application form, two letters of recommendation, a passport-sized photograph (signed) and payment of the examination fee.

Inquiries

All requests for information and [applications](#) should be directed to:

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Application

International Board of Cytopathology Examination

The examination consists of a written, a visual and a practical (microscopic slide) test. The examination questions are exclusively multiple choice. There are approximately 80 written questions, 80 projected image questions and 30 microscopic slides. The examination lasts approximately six hours. The test is

comprehensive and covers all body sites. (For example: Gynecologic, Urine, sputum, fluids and fine needle aspirations of multiple organs).

A microscope is provided for the examination.

Major emphasis lies on personal experience. Practice in cytopathology of all body sites on a regular basis should serve as sufficient preparation for the exam.

A valuable source of information are online educational sites such as the [IAC Educational Resources](#) page. Please note that these cases are excellent to sharpen your visual recognition capacity but are not representative of the examination as many present rare entities.

The examination for the International Board of Cytopathology is given approximately six to eight times each year worldwide.

The completed application form with one signed, passport sized photograph and other documentation should be mailed to:

The International Academy of Cytology
Office of the Secretary-Treasurer
Burgunderstr. 1
79104 Freiburg
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Application Form (*Attention. Please refer to Home Page of IAC for these FORM)

[International Board of Cytopathology Examination Application Form \(A4\)](#)

[International Board of Cytopathology Examination Application Form \(Letter\)](#)

[Payment Details](#)

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