

Rules CSC

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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 ([Information Sheet](#)).
- The trainee will obtain personal access to the CSC app/domain internet site (to register click [here](#)).
- The trainee needs to download the preparedEPA app and create an account for the EPA-based assessments (click [here](#)).
- The responsibility for training and completion of the CSC lies with the trainee. The EPAs have to be documented regularly during the whole period of basic surgical training, starting from day 1.
- EPAs are to be completed within 48 hours after the performance
- EPA-based assessments are to be completed within 48 hours after the performance. CSC commission can check anytime for irregularities.
- All required documents (see below) need to be uploaded as pdf on the trainee's CSC domain (app/internet site) by the trainee. Once all the necessary documents have been uploaded, an automated summary will be generated and sent directly to the SCS Secretariat.
- Upon verification by the CSC commission the SCS secretariat will issue a CSC certificate.

Criteria for completion of the CSC

All criteria must be completed.

1. **E-learning:** All modules need to be completed (automated certificate on the CSC app/domaine).
2. **EPAs:** The trainee needs to download the preparedEPA app for the EPAs and register ([Registration](#) / [Information Sheet](#)).

18 Mandatory EPAs

- All requirements must be fulfilled
- At least 3 workplace-based assessments at the expected level by 3 different supervisors

3 Optional EPAs (marked in grey)

- The requirements of at least one of three must be fulfilled
- At least 3 workplace-based assessments at the expected level by 3 different supervisors

How to get a report of the CSC-EPAs:

When a trainee has documented the required workplace-based assessment, the head of the department (or delegate for postgraduate medical education at the department) creates an export of the trainee's documented data in the **prepared Cockpit** (cockpit.prepared.app). A big part of the report is pre-populated with data from the preparedEPA-app. Some items need to be filled in manually. The completed report needs to be signed by the trainee and the head of the department and then submitted to the SCS as pdf document (including the Appendix).

[Information Sheet](#)



Phase	EPA	Expected Level
General Surgical Tasks (CSC)	Perform a conversation with patients and/or relatives (CSC 6)	Indirect supervision (Level 3)
	Present a surgical case (CSC 7)	Distant supervision (Level 4)
	Perform a patient hand-over (CSC 8)	Distant supervision (Level 4)
	Manage a ward round (CSC 9)	Distant supervision (Level 4)
	Present scientific work (CSC 10)	Indirect supervision (Level 3)
Preoperative Phase (CSC)	Manage the admission of an elective surgical patient (CSC 1)	Distant supervision (Level 4)
	Obtain an informed consent for routine procedure (CSC 2)	Indirect supervision (Level 3)
Perioperative Phase (CSC)	Prepare a patient for surgery (CSC 11)	Distant supervision (Level 4)
	Perform a surgical access (CSC 12)	Distant supervision (Level 4)
	Perform camera navigation during minimally invasive surgery (CSC 20 optional)	Indirect supervision (Level 3)
	Perform a surgical closure (CSC 13)	Distant supervision (Level 4)
Postoperative Phase (CSC)	Manage a surgical patient after surgery (CSC 3)	Distant supervision (Level 4)
	Manage a postoperative surgical wound (CSC 18)	Distant supervision (Level 4)
	Discharge a patient (CSC 4)	Distant supervision (Level 4)
Emergency Situations (CSC)	Manage a critically ill surgical patient (CSC 5)	Distant supervision (Level 4)
Procedures (CSC)	Manage an abscess (CSC 14)	Distant supervision (Level 4)
	Insert a chest tube (CSC 15 optional)	Indirect supervision (Level 3)
	Insert a surgical drain (CSC 16)	Distant supervision (Level 4)
	Insert a urinary catheter (CSC 17)	Distant supervision (Level 4)
	Manage a traumatic wound (CSC 19)	Distant supervision (Level 4)
	Perform a reduction of a fracture or luxation (CSC 21 optional)	Indirect supervision (Level 3)

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 organisation of the SCS or a national /international surgical society.
 - Request for accreditation of a course for the CSC list can be sent to the SCS office. Decision of acceptance will be made by the CSC commission.
 - The 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. This will be mandatory starting October 2026.

CSC commission

- The [CSC commission](#) consists 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.
- The CSC Commission may randomly check all submitted documents for accuracy.

Appeals commission

- The [appeals commission](#) consists 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 (as of 2024)

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.



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Change of rules

A transitional period of one year shall apply from the date on which the new rules come into force.

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

Revised rules (V2/ 2025) approved by the executive committee of the SCS on 26.08.2025, coming into effect 1st October 2025