Eligibility Criteria for the EBSQ Examination in Breast Surgery (2019)

1. The applicant must either:
   a. hold a current licence to practice as a general, plastic or gynaecological surgeon
   or
   b. can demonstrate a minimum of 5 years of recognised training within general, plastic or gynaecological surgery

2. The applicant must be able to demonstrate that he/she has worked for a minimum of one year in a breast surgery unit treating a minimum of 150 new diagnoses per year.

3. The applicant should supply evidence that they have attended at least one national or international training course in breast surgery. Certificates of attendance should be submitted.

4. The applicant should supply evidence that they have attended one well recognised international congress on breast diseases in the last 3 years. Certificates of attendance should be submitted.

5. The applicant should present their log-book for breast surgery with the application. The log-book should be signed by their supervisor/department head/hospital director or the president of the relevant national breast surgery/surgical or gynaecological society. It should demonstrate the requirements listed below.

6. The applicant should have published either:
   a. one scientific paper in the field of breast diseases in a peer reviewed journal,
   or
   b. written a chapter in a national or international textbook on breast diseases
   or
   c. presented one paper (oral or poster) in a well-recognised international congress on breast disease or cancer

The applicant should be able to show that he/she has:

1. Attended at least weekly, pre and post-surgical multidisciplinary case management meetings at least 20 times

2. Attended at least 70 out-patient clinics during regular work in a surgical unit treating a minimum of 150 new primary breast cancers per year over 1-2 years including:
   a. Diagnostic, pre and post-operative clinics
   b. Clinics with radiation and medical oncologists at which decisions on adjuvant therapy are made
   c. Follow up clinics at which the side effects of surgery and radiotherapy and endocrine therapy can be assessed
   d. Clinics at which the management of women with advanced disease (both locally and metastatic) takes place.
3. Career breast surgical experience:
   a. Personally performed during their entire career (performed independently or with minimal supervision)
      i. 40 operations on benign or borderline lesions (fibroadenomas, cysts, atypias, phyllodes etc)
      ii. At least 100 axillary procedures (at least 30 axillary dissections and at least 30 SLNBs)
      iii. At least 100 breast cancer operations including at least 40 breast conserving surgeries, including at least 5 oncoplastic remodelling procedures
      iv. At least 40 mastectomies including at least 10 NAC or skin sparing procedures
   b. Performed, assisted at or observed during their entire career
      i. At least 10 immediate or delayed breast reconstruction procedures using both implants and autologous tissue

   e. Genetic/family history clinics in which women at risk are assessed and given risk management advice.
   f. Clinics at which oncoplastic and reconstructive counselling and planning takes place.