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To ask the Minister for Health his views on the Intern Employment Eligibility Assessment; and the number of persons who took and passed the assessment in each of the years 2019 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form.

Dear Daly,

National Doctors Training and Planning (NDTP) Response

The Intern Employment Eligibility Assessment (IEEA) is a measure of the understanding of the Irish Health Service. The test assesses such areas as professional practice and patient safety issues in the Irish health service, along with skills in areas such as communications, ethics and prescribing safety.

For applicants from Medical Schools in the Republic of Ireland a confirmation must be provided by the Dean/Head of the Medical School confirming that the applicant has received sufficient teaching and practical on-site placements in Irish health service settings to equip them with the knowledge and understanding of the Irish health service required to safely practice as an Intern in the Irish health service and that this knowledge has been assessed. All applicants from Non-Irish Medical Schools must complete the IEEA. It is critical that all Interns who work in the Irish Health Service have a level of understanding of the environment in which they will be practising so as to assure their ability to provide safe services to patients.

IEEA is a 2-part assessment (first part held in January, second part held in February). In both sections of the examination, five competency domains will be examined:

- 1) Knowledge and application of Irish legal medicine
- 2) Knowledge and application of national prescribing practices
- 3) Professional skills relevant to the Irish healthcare setting
- 4) Communication skills relevant to Irish healthcare
- 5) Knowledge of national public health and safety issues

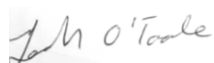
Information on the IEAA including registering for the assessment, fees, assessment dates and descriptions of the competencies to be assessed are provided within the Intern Application Guide stage 1 annually <https://hbsrecruitmentservices.ie/medical-intern-stage-1/>.

The table below provides the number of applicants who took and passed the assessment in each of the years 2019 to 2022.

IEEA	2019	2020	2021	2022
Number who undertook IEAA1	27	61	45	46
Number who passed IEAA2	14	33	45	39

1Includes those who attended both parts of the assessment

2Includes those who passed both parts of the assessment



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