

FELLOW OF IFSO (FIFSO)



“Special recognition to an IFSO surgeon regular member in good standing, that has an active practice in the field of Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery and maintains participation in educational activities offered by IFSO”

Requirements:

1. Applicant has to be a **Regular IFSO member in good standing for the last 3 years**
2. Applicant has to have an **active practice of Metabolic and Bariatric surgery** in his/her Country by submitting either:
 - a. **Active participation in a Metabolic/Bariatric Surgery Center of Excellence or Accreditation Program** - Applicant submits letter or certification of participation

OR

 - b. **Confirmation of active Metabolic and Bariatric surgery practice by the National society documenting completion of a minimum of 25 approved Metabolic/Bariatric surgeries per year for 3 years as the primary surgeon** - Applicant submits documentation and the National society verifies on the number of operations per year for the last 3 years
3. **Two letters of recommendation** from IFSO Regular Members in good standing (with FIFSO status preferably) who practice in the same Country of the Applicant including:
 - a. Length of time known the Applicant
 - b. Statement on the applicant’s good standing practice in Metabolic/Bariatric Surgery
4. **Have attended either two IFSO World Congresses or one World and one Chapter Congress in the last 3 years, and have presented and/or submitted at least one scientific communication (as invited speaker or an abstract) during the last 3 years.**

5. Work in a Country whose national society contributes to **the IFSO Registry and/or to the IFSO Worldwide Survey on Metabolic/Bariatric Surgery**
6. **The applicant should not be Industry/Corporate executive**, employee or doing active dedicated work with a single corporation
7. The FIFSO status is **renewable every 3 years** providing the following:
 - a. Maintenance of IFSO Regular membership in good standing for the last 3 years
 - b. Documentation of active practice as stated above in #2 for the last 3 years
 - c. Documentation of attendance to IFSO Congresses as stated above in #4 for the last 3 years
8. The FIFSO status initial application is free of charge. Renewal applications every 3 years cost is \$100 USD
9. **Senior IFSO members retired/not practicing** who apply will receive exception to active practice participation requirements and will have to be reviewed on a case-by-case basis to document that:
 - a. Was a regular member in good standing for a significant time
 - b. Was practicing in the field of Metabolic/Bariatric Surgery for several years
 - c. Should not be Industry/Corporate executive, employee or doing active dedicated work with a single corporation
10. **Honorary FIFSO** - IFSO Board of Trustees members and other merited retired/not practicing senior members, by the decision of the Executive Board, can be recognized with the special status of "Honorary Fellow of IFSO" [**FIFSO (Hon)**]
 - a. Should not be Industry/Corporate executive, employee or doing active dedicated work with a single corporation
11. The IFSO secretariat will do the first check of the requirements and submit to FIFSO committee, which will review all applications on a regular basis and decide.
12. FIFSO certificates, signed by IFSO President and Chair of the FIFSO Committee, will be handed over every year at IFSO World Congress
13. IFSO Chapters should not establish the status of FIFSO, because FIFSO is a prerogative of IFSO and can't be replicated at Chapter level.