

FAQ's Resident In-training Examination

What is the ABPM In-training Examination?

The examination is administered as an external assessment tool for residents and program directors and can be used at the residents' discretion as they prepare for the ABPM board qualification examination. The exam includes the following subject areas:

- Podiatric Medicine
- Medical Imaging
- Pathology
- Public Health
- Internal Medicine and Subspecialties
- Wound Care
- Emergency Medicine
- Anesthesiology
- Podiatric Surgery
- General Surgery and Subspecialties

How is the In-training Examination administered?

We are improving the in in-training examination tools by adding clinical cases to our didactic exams. The PGY 1 and 2 examination will consist of 150 questions and 2 cases. The PGY 3 and 4 examination will consist of 100 questions and 4 cases.

Your seat time is approximately 5 hours which includes an optional break. The examination is administered through Pearson VUE testing centers nationally.

How do I schedule my appointment for the In-training Examination?

You will receive scheduling information about 6-8 weeks before the exam that will allow you to go on line or call Pearson VUE to schedule your appointment. Once an appointment has been made, a confirmation e-mail will be sent to you directly from Pearson.

What are the Requirements to Achieve Board Qualification and Board Certification?

Applicants for the qualification examination may apply ONLY in the year they will complete their residency, at the conclusion of their residency training, or thereafter, as specified below.

For applicants completing their residency training in 2015 or thereafter:

Candidates MUST TAKE the board qualification examination WITHIN 5 YEARS OF COMPLETION OF THEIR RESIDENCY TRAINING. Individuals who do not attempt to achieve board qualification within this time period will not be eligible to participate in the examination process thereafter. Candidates who meet the above requirement but do not pass the certification process within five years will be granted an additional five years of access to the examination process, with the following stipulation: Candidates who do not achieve certification within five years from first attaining board qualified status; they must apply for full certification and pass both part 1 (qualification examination) and part 2 (certification examination) within the same examination year. Candidates MUST achieve certification with the ABPM within 10 years from the time of completion of residency training. Applications for examinations will not be accepted thereafter.

What are the dates of each examination?

- Part I-Qualification Examination is administered on Wednesday, May 19, 2020
- Part 2-Certification Examination is administered on Friday, October 16, 2020

When are examination applications for Part I and Part 2 due?

The application for Part 1 and 2 is due by March 15, 2020 and must be submitted electronically, along with appropriate fees. The application deadline for Part 2 only is July 31, 2019.

What are the examination fees?

- Part I Board Qualification Exam only: \$ 400.00
- Part 2 Board Certification Exam only: \$1,600.00
- Part I and Part 2: \$1,750.00

How do I apply for the examinations?

- A single application is present on the website that includes sections for Part I (qualification) and Part II (certification). The application must be submitted electronically. The applicant is to click on the section(s) applicable to the examination(s) selected.

If I pass Part 1 during the May administration, can I apply for Part II by the July 31st deadline for the October administration and pay for them separately?

Yes

How are the examinations administered?

Examinations are administered through a network of national testing centers. ABPM will provide contact information to examination candidates on how to schedule their test-center appointment approximately 6-8 weeks prior to the examination date. Candidates are responsible for scheduling their own examination. Access to the test center location of choice is subject to a given center's availability.

What is the testing center environment like?

Test centers are designed to provide a consistent, standardized testing experience in a quiet, distraction-free environment. All centers are designed to provide candidates with the most comfort possible during the examination process.

What if I need special accommodations?

Special accommodations candidates may have additional accommodations available at the test centers. They must provide documentation regarding their medical issue and the type of accommodations required (i.e. extra time, private room, etc.) Documentation must be submitted with the application.