

## FAQ's Resident In-training Examination

### **What is the ABPM In-training Examination?**

The examination is administered on a voluntary basis as a self-assessment tool for all current residents in any year of residency and can be used at the residents' discretion as they prepare for the ABPM board qualification examination. The exam includes the following subject areas:

- BIOMECHANICS
- ORTHOPEDICS
- WOUND CARE
- MEDICINE
- SURGICAL CRITERIA

### **What are the Benefits of taking the In-training Examination?**

The results from the current In-training Examination will be available on the Podiatry Residency Resource (PRR) website. The material may be accessed by program directors and residents and includes all 200 questions and correct answers along with suggested readings. This information may be utilized by directors for discussion with the resident(s) as a means of enhancing their education, and by residents as reference material for understanding the expectations of the ABPM with respect to their knowledge base in the areas relevant to ABPM certification process.

### **How is the In-training Examination administered?**

The In-training Exam consists of 200 multiple choice questions. 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 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?**

#### **To Achieve Board Qualification:**

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

#### **A. For applicants completing their residency training in 2016 or thereafter:**

All new applicants with 36 months of CPME approved residency training must attempt board qualification within 5 years of completion of residency training.

- If board status is not achieved within the first 5 years, candidates may continue to apply for full certification (Part 1 and 2) for an additional 5 years BUT:
  - in the second 5 year period, candidates must pass both Part 1 and 2 within the same examination year. Board qualified classification will not be conferred
- Candidates must achieve certification with the ABPM within 10 years from the time of completion of residency training

#### **B. For applicants who completed 36 months of eligible residency training prior to 2015:**

Applicants who have not attempted the qualification examination by 2014 will be given until the 2018 examination year to do so. Failure to attempt the qualification examination by 2018 will render the individual INELIGIBLE to participate in the examination process thereafter.

- Applicants who meet the above requirement but do not pass the qualification examination by 2018 will be granted an additional 5 years of access to the examination process, with the following stipulation:

Applicants in the 5 year time frame **MUST** apply for full certification and pass both Part 1 and Part 2 within the same examination year. Board qualified classification will not be conferred

**C. For applicants who completed 24 months of eligible residency training:**

2018 marks the last year in which applicants with 2-years of CPME-approved residency training will be able to apply for the ABPM Examination process. Candidates without any status and without cases on file must pass case review and part 1 in 2018 to continue to part 2 of the certification process in 2018. Candidates who attempt both parts 1 and part 2 in 2018 and who pass part 1 only have the ability to attempt certification through 2020. No extensions will be granted thereafter.

Beginning in 2019 all applicants must have 3 years of approved residency training to be eligible to sit for the examinations.

**What are the dates of each examination?**

- Part I-Qualification Examination is offered on Monday, May 14, 2018
- Part 2-Certification Examination is offered on Friday, October 12, 2018

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

All applications are due by March 14, 2018 and must be submitted electronically, along with appropriate fees.

**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
- Case Submission if applicable: \$ 500.00

*(If your intent is to sit for both the qualification and certification examinations in 2018, you must choose and pay for both Part I and II with the submission of your application)*

**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.
- Each section includes a separate fee. For example, if you intend to sit for both Part I (qualification) and Part II (certification) and do not need to submit cases, the total amount due is \$1,750.00
- All fees, application information must be received by board headquarters no later than March 14, 2018.

**If I intend to attempt both Part I and Part II in the same examination year, can I pay for them separately (i.e. sequentially)?**

No. Full examination fees must be paid at the time of application. If you are not successful in passing Part I (qualification examination) appropriate fees will be refunded for Part II (certification examination).

**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 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 sent to ABPM headquarters directly.