Key Dates and Fees

2020 MOCP EXAMINATION

KEY DATES

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Candidates may choose which day works best for them based on the dates listed above.

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<td>Early Application Fee</td>
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No applications will be processed without receipt of the application fee and a completed application.

**Please note- the 2020 MOCP Exam will be available to those whose certification expires in 2020 only.**

**Notice:** Deadlines are firm and not subject to exception. The content of this publication is subject to change from year to year. It is the applicant’s responsibility to seek information concerning the current requirements for maintaining certification. The most current information found on the ABEM website (www.abemexam.org) supersedes the information in all published booklets concerning Board requirements, policies, and procedures.

The ABEM does not discriminate among applicants on the basis of age, gender, race, religion, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, or marital status.

**Americans with Disabilities Act**

The ABEM supports the intent of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Candidates desiring accommodations for documented disabilities must complete a Disability Accommodation Request Form, which is available from the ABEM Executive Office or online at the Accommodation Request form page.
Application and Eligibility Requirements

As part of the online application for the maintenance examination, Diplomates must:

1. Submit a current primary Board certificate from the ABPN, ABPMR, Canadian equivalent or AOA equivalent.¹
2. Submit a valid and unrestricted license to practice medicine in the United States, or territory of the United States or Canada. If the license held by the participant is restricted or with qualifications, details must be provided.²
3. Pay any outstanding annual fees prior to submitting your exam registration.
4. Record all required CME hours.
   - 50 Category 1 CME credits³ for Diplomates currently enrolled in the MOCP. Following successful completion of the MOCP examination, 150 Category 1 CME credits³ will be required.
   - 150 Category 1 CME credits³ for Diplomates enrolled in the MOCP in 2009 or after.
5. Sign a statement affirming their commitment to practice medicine in an ethical manner.
6. Pay the MOCP Examination application fee.

Diplomates will need to provide documentation verifying the above requirements when applying for the examination.

It is the responsibility of the Diplomate to notify the ABEM Executive Office in writing of changes that may affect the Diplomate’s application.

Diplomates must meet eligibility requirements for the year in which the examination is taken, regardless of prior approval. Eligibility does not carry over automatically from year to year.

¹ Certificate of Recognition (COR) holders must submit documentation from their home country.
² COR holders must document current license to practice in their home country.
³ COR holders are required to document formal education hours. This does not need to be Category 1 CME.

Certificate of Recognition Holders

Certificate of recognition holders need to complete formal education hours. AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ are not required, but can be used for formal education hours. Formal education hours are defined as any course, seminar, meeting, or other formal educational activity which requires physician attendance and is sponsored by a hospital, medical school, medical association or medical specialty society. Books, web-based education, journal articles, CD/DVDs, etc., that include questions and answers that allow the physician to evaluate the knowledge learned from reviewing the material are also permissible formal education hours. Formal education hours do not have to be obtained in the United States.
Examination Format

The examination is a four-hour, proctored examination containing approximately 125 multiple-choice questions that test cognitive knowledge relevant to the clinical experience of electrodiagnostic medicine. Emphasis is placed on diagnosis, management, and prevention of disease. All questions are written by ABEM certified electrodiagnostic medicine physicians. The multiple-choice examination tests knowledge in the areas of:

- Electromyography
- Nerve Conduction Studies
- Focal Neuropathy
- Generalized Neuropathies
- Radiculopathies
- Motor Neuron Disease
- Myopathies and Myotonic Disorders
- Neuromuscular Junction Disorders
- Ethics, Safety, and other Techniques
- AANEM Practice Parameters

Reference Material

Information needed for the examination is available in standard text books and journals dealing with clinical neurophysiology. Since the emphasis is on clinical practice issues, it may be helpful to attend the courses, workshops, etc., offered at the American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine (AANEM) annual meeting. AANEM publications such as the electrodiagnostic self-assessment examination, monographs, case reports, and course books are also excellent study resources. Please note the ABEM does not necessarily consult these sources when developing examination questions.

Examination Scoring and Release of Results

Scoring the Examination

The number of correct responses will be totaled to determine the examinee’s score. The passing score will be based on an analysis of specific questions performed prior to the examination. Examination results will be sent to all Diplomates via email. It is the candidates’ responsibility to provide the ABEM with their most current contact information. Diplomates who fail the MOCPE examination will only receive a failing score notification. Diplomates passing the MOCPE examination will receive a passing notification and percentile of those passing the examination.

Release of Examination Results

By applying for the examination, Diplomates agree that the Board may, at its discretion, release examination results and scores to researchers selected by the Board to study the testing and evaluation programs under appropriate conditions of confidentiality. Any such studies will contain information about Diplomates only in the aggregate, and the names of individuals will not be revealed in any publications. Aside from the above reasons, individual examination scores will be considered to be confidential and will not be released to others except pursuant to legal process.
Frequently Asked Questions

ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION ACCEPTANCE

Q. Where do I get the application for the MOCP examination?
A. It is on the ABEM website at www.abemexam.org. The link will not be live until August 1. It will be located under the Physicians header, then Maintenance of Certification Program sub-header.

Q. How many CME credits are required?
A. Those that are already enrolled in the Maintenance of Certification Program as of April 30, 2009 are required to have recorded 50 Category 1 CME credits. Following successful completion of the examination, in the next 10-year cycle 150 Category 1 CME credits will be required. You will not need to record Category 2 CME.

Q. How do I know if I have recorded the correct number of CME credits?
A. Visit the page below:
http://www.abemexam.org/Physicians/Maintenance-of-Certification-Program/Record-CME.

Q. How soon will I know if my application has been accepted or rejected?
A. Once all your documents are reviewed, you will be notified that your application has been accepted or rejected. This process can take a few weeks. Due to the large number of applications received at the deadline dates, applications received at those times will take longer to process.

RESULTS

Q. Once the examination is complete, how soon will I receive the results?
A. You will be notified of the results of the examination before the end of the calendar year.

Q. What happens to my status if I fail the MOCP examination?
A. If you have a time-limited certificate that has not yet expired, there will be no change in your status. If you have a time-limited certificate that has expired, you will not be listed as being certified by the ABEM until you pass the MOCP examination. If you have a certificate that is not time limited, you will still be listed as being certified by the ABEM, but you will not be listed as participating in the MOCP.

CME

Q. What type of CME credits count for the MOCP? Must the CME credits be for EMG/NCS-specific educational sessions?
A. The credits claimed to fulfill the MOCP CME requirement must be from educational sessions providing information that is applicable to a Diplomate’s practice as an EDX physician. The CME credits do not need to be from EMG or NCS-specific educational courses. Since EDX medicine may only be a subset of a Diplomate’s overall practice, he or she will usually earn a number of CME credits for educational sessions that do not necessarily apply to his or her EDX practice. Those courses should not be counted toward the MOCP CME requirement.

For example, CME credits earned for sessions on ethics, office management, or physician-patient relations, although not EMG/NCS specific, may be appropriately claimed to fulfill the MOCP CME requirement. Conversely, CME credits earned for sessions on EEG, sleep medicine, strokes, spinal injections, etc., would not be applicable to a Diplomate’s EDX practice and should not be claimed as part of the MOCP. Diplomates should use their best judgment when claiming CME credits.
Revocation of Certificate

The ABEM Board shall have authority to revoke any certificate issued by it or to place a certificate holder on probation for a fixed or indefinite time if:

- The certificate was issued contrary to or in violation of the Bylaws or any rule or regulation of the Board.
- The person to whom the certificate was issued made any material misstatement or omission of fact to the Board in his or her application or otherwise.
- A license to practice medicine of the person to whom the certificate was issued is forfeited, revoked, or suspended.
- The person to whom the certificate was issued is convicted of a felony or an offense involving moral turpitude.

The Board may also revoke any certificate if the Diplomate’s primary board certificate has lapsed, been suspended, or revoked. Any complaint in relation to such circumstances shall be reviewed according to procedures established by the Board.