

Board News

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Cert-Recert Exam 1992

Pre-application materials for the 1992 recertification examination were distributed in August. These pre-application materials should be returned to the ABFP office by the end of September. Applications for recertification will be mailed in October with a deadline of November 30. Applications filed after November 30 will be charged with an extra \$100 late fee until February 15, 1992.

The Office Record Review will continue to be required, but only two categories will need to be chosen. It will no longer be necessary for all candidates to report records of hypertensive patients. Hypertension will continue to be one of the options available.

Certification applications will be distributed in December with a deadline for return on March 1, 1992. The examination will be conducted on July 10.

Geriatric Exam

The third examination for Added Qualifications in Geriatrics will be given on April 10, 1992. Eligibility requirements include:

1. Family physicians must be certified by the ABFP and must be Diplomates in good standing at the time of examination.
2. The Diplomate must hold a valid and unrestricted license to practice medicine in the US or Canada.
3. Diplomates must qualify through one of the following plans:

Plan I (Fellowship): For Diplomates who have successfully completed 2 years of acceptable formal training in Geriatric Medicine.

Plan II (Practice Pathway):

- A. For Diplomates who can document at least 4 years of substantial practice involving patients 65 years or older.
- B. For Diplomates who have had 1 year of acceptable graduate training in geriatrics and can document 2 years of substantial practice involving patients 65 years or older.

Please note that Plans II-A and II-B will be available only through the 1994 examination. After that time, Diplomates must complete 2 years of formal accredited geriatric fellowship to be eligible to be examined for certification.

Applications for the 1992 examination will be accepted until November 1, 1991. If you have questions about the process, please call Marsha Norris at the ABFP office in Lexington, KY.

Sports Medicine Exam

The first examination for Added Qualifications in Sports Medicine is expected to be given on or about October 1, 1993. Specific information about eligibility will be available soon after this edition of the *Journal* is distributed. The next editions will have full details of the application process and eligibility.

The Sports Medicine exam has been developed and is being implemented through co-operative efforts of the American Boards of Emergency Medicine, Family Practice, Internal Medicine, and Pediatrics. The Special Requirements for accreditation of fellowships in Family Medicine Sports are being considered by The Residency Review Committee for Family Practice. Practice eligibility will be available for several years, then only fellowship-trained candidates will be examined.