Changes in the Part 1 Requirements

For the 2021 Exam
i.e. Registration in 2020

Justification

• In reviewing the candidate performance on Part 1 we noted that some candidates had not completed appropriate basic medical physics courses.
• Proposed changes were discussed in 2018
  • AAPM Leadership
  • CAMPEP Leadership
  • SDAMPP Leadership (CC)
  • IC Advisory Committee
• The ABR Board of Trustees and the Board of Governors approved these changes at the 2019 Winter Retreat
Part 1 – Graduate or DMP

- Candidate must either be enrolled in a CAMPEP accredited graduate program or DMP program
- Candidate must be in good standing in the program
- Or completed such a program
- If the candidate is applying based on enrollment in a graduate or DMP program, his or her program director must attest that he or she has completed the required six core courses at the time of application.

Part 1 – Certificate Program

- Candidate must have completed a CAMPEP approved certificate program

Part 1 – Residency Program

- Must be enrolled and in good standing
  - No change
Part 1 – Structured Mentorship

- Must be enrolled and in good standing
- No change

Complex Questions

- Complex questions have been removed for Psychometric reasons
- No complex questions this year or going forward
- Increased use of other question types

All Written Exams – SI Units

- While most current questions use SI units some clinical questions are conventional
- For the written exams starting in 2021 all questions will be SI exclusively
  - (Almost i.e. Mev)
  - We will publish guidance
- This will not require memorizing odd conversions
All Written Exams - Calculators

- We now allow a specific calculator – examinees should review the exam instructions.

All Exams - Professionalism and Ethics

- A small number of questions
- Based on AAPM Document

Blueprint – Content Guide

- No significant changes
- Major Audit of Content this Year
Starting in 2018 feedback is provided

You can fail to meet the standard in individual categories but still pass the exam. This is not like the Oral.

Locations
- Part 1 & Part 2 Remain at PearsonVue Centers
- Encourage registration ASAP
- Part 3 (Oral)
  - Moved to Tucson
  - Very successful this year
  - BOG studying creating a dedicated Oral Exam Center

PearsonVue Centers are not operated by the ABR and sometimes the local center will not follow ABR requirements. It is important that all examinees know that if they feel that ABR policies are not being followed they should insist that the local center contact the ABR via PearsonVue.
PearsonVue

- Is a very large international corporation
- If you live abroad and wish to take the exams at international centers please contact the board.
- PearsonVue administers many exams
- Register early to get the exam center of your choice
- If you wish an ADA accommodation contact the ABR as early as possible

- Read the details so you are not surprised

Part 2 Changes

- No complex this year and going forward.
- Increased use of new question types

Part 3 Changes 2020

TMP only
NMP & DMP were changed several years ago
Posted on the ABR Website
Previously Conditioned Candidates will use current categories
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