

AMERICAN BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE

MEDICAL TOXICOLOGY ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR CERTIFICATION

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Certification in the subspecialty of Medical Toxicology is available to diplomates of the American Board of Emergency Medicine (ABEM) who fulfill the eligibility criteria and pass the subspecialty examination. ABEM co-sponsors this subspecialty with the American Board of Pediatrics (ABP), and the American Board of Preventive Medicine (ABPM).

Physicians who are ABEM diplomates submit their applications to ABEM. Physicians who are diplomates of both ABEM and ABP or ABPM may submit an application to the board through which they wish to become certified in Medical Toxicology. ABEM also accepts applications from diplomates of non-sponsoring ABMS member boards.

Physicians who expect to complete their fellowship training by the day of the examination may submit an application during the application period that is conducted for the examination administered in the year they graduate.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Physicians seeking certification in Medical Toxicology through ABEM must fulfill the following eligibility criteria:

ABEM Certification

A physician must be a current diplomate of the American Board of Emergency Medicine.

Medical Licensure

Each physician applying for subspecialty certification must fulfill the ABEM Policy on Medical Licensure. The complete copy of that policy is attached.

Fellowship Training

Physicians must have successfully completed a Medical Toxicology Fellowship.

Physicians who entered training in Medical Toxicology on or after July 1, 2000, are required to complete their training in a fellowship program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME).

Physicians who entered training in Medical Toxicology before July 1, 2000, must have completed a fellowship program sponsored by and based within reasonable geographical proximity of an accredited residency program in Emergency Medicine, Pediatrics, Preventive Medicine, or any combination of these programs. Only those Medical Toxicology training programs that were operated in association with general comprehensive residency programs accredited by the Residency Review Committees (RRC) for Emergency Medicine, Pediatrics, or

Preventive Medicine, or by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC) are acceptable.

The physician must successfully complete the fellowship training by the date of the examination.

Physicians seeking certification in more than one subspecialty may not apply the same subspecialty fellowship training period toward fulfillment of requirements of more than one specialty or subspecialty.

ABEM requests verification directly from the program director that a physician successfully completed the Medical Toxicology fellowship program.

Fellows who completed their fellowship training prior to July 1, 1993, were required to apply for certification in Medical Toxicology by the start of the 1999-2000 application period. Fellows who complete their fellowship training after July 1, 1993, must apply within five years of completing their training.

CERTIFICATION

A candidate who has met the eligibility criteria and who passes the subspecialty examination is recognized as being certified in the subspecialty of Medical Toxicology. Certification is for a period of ten years. To renew certification a physician must fulfill the requirements of the Medical Toxicology Maintenance of Certification program.

Effective January 1, 2006, ABEM does not require physicians to maintain Emergency Medicine certification in order to maintain Medical Toxicology certification if the physician is participating in the Medical Toxicology Maintenance of Certification program.