



Certifying Exam Registration & Scheduling Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

When is the ABEM Certifying Exam?

Eligible physicians will be assigned by ABEM to an exam administration. Physicians will register for an available exam appointment within their assigned administration window
(An exam appointment is for one half-day session):

2026 Certifying Exam Administrations

March 9 – 12	June 29 – July 2	August 31 – September 3
May 11 – 14	August 3 – 6	October 19 – 22
June 15 – 18	August 17 – 20	November 16 – 19

When do I schedule and register for the Certifying Exam?

Physicians eligible for the 2026 Certifying Exam were emailed a survey to share their exam preferences on January 6, 2026.

ABEM will finalize assignments for each exam administration and inform physicians via email which exam they are assigned to.

Physicians assigned to the March 2026 exam will be notified by January 22 to allow for scheduling and travel accommodations. Notifications of assignments for the remaining exam administrations will be sent soon after.

How do I register?

ABEM will email you a registration link when your exam registration window opens. This link is customized to you and should not be shared. Use this link to select an available date and time for your exam appointment. ABEM recommends registering as soon as you receive the link. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis for exam date and time selections. After registration, you will receive a confirmation email with your exam appointment date and time, as well as travel information.

What scheduling accommodations does ABEM provide?

In response to feedback from the community, ABEM is providing registration windows for physicians to access available exam appointments based on geographic location in order to provide a more equitable travel experience for those traveling from farther away. We recommend that you select your appointment and register as soon as your individual registration link opens, so you can choose a date and time that works best for your needs. Once specific exam dates and times are full, additional exam appointments cannot be made available.



Where is my exam?

On-site registration for the ABEM Certifying Examination takes place at the lobby level of the Hyatt House Raleigh North Hills, 160 Park at N Hills St, Raleigh, NC 27609. Your assigned proctor will then guide you to the nearby AIME Center, where the Certifying Exam will be administered.

Where do I stay?

ABEM offers a room block for physicians at a discounted rate on a first-come, first-served basis at the Hyatt House Raleigh North Hills, 160 Park at N Hills St, Raleigh, NC 27609. Your registration confirmation email will include travel information.

Note: Registration for your exam takes place at the lobby level of the Hyatt House Raleigh North Hills. ABEM recommends that you stay at the Hyatt House, a nearby hotel, or make plans to ensure you arrive at the Hyatt House lobby in time for your exam appointment.

What if I need to change my exam after I register?

Physicians cannot change their individual exam assignments or appointments. Once you register and confirm your exam appointment, your exam schedule is final. If you have questions, please contact certifyingexam@abem.org.

What if I do not register?

Not registering for your exam appointment by the provided deadline will be considered a decline of your exam seat. [View the Initial Certification Agreement](#)

Who do I contact if I have questions?

Contact certifyingexam@abem.org for questions about the Certifying Exam.

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