



Policy on Access to ABEM Maintenance of Certification Lifelong Learning Self-Assessment Tests

BACKGROUND

The American Board of Emergency Medicine (ABEM) program of continuing certification is designed so that diplomates and former diplomates have sufficient opportunities to take Lifelong Learning Self-Assessment (LLSA) tests and are not encouraged to pass the test by trial and error. ABEM, therefore, limits the number of times a physician can take each test per registration and fee payment while offering unlimited access to registration and an adequate time period to pass each test.

POLICY

1. Each LLSA test is typically available for registration for a period of five years.
2. Diplomates can take any LLSA test for which they registered within the past five years.
3. Diplomates and former diplomates will have an unlimited number of opportunities to register for an LLSA test while the test is available to them.
4. Registration for an LLSA test will provide access for up to three test attempts.
5. Diplomates and former diplomates may take any LLSA test while it is active.
6. Retired LLSA tests will be made available to diplomates and former diplomates who need them to meet requirements, starting with the most recent tests.
7. If diplomates and former diplomates have an unmet Lifelong Learning and Self-Assessment (LLS) test requirement at the time they pass the test, it will count toward their current LLS requirement.

PROCEDURES

Each test will be online for five years from the date it becomes available on the ABEM website. When an LLSA test is retired, physicians may not register for the test if they do not need it to meet requirements. They may take and score a retired test if they registered for it within the last five years. Diplomates and former diplomates may register for and take a test with no minimum time limit between test attempts. A test attempt will count as one of the three attempts per registration when the diplomate selects "Score Test" at the end of the test.

Reference the Policy on Required ABEM MOC Program Activity for the specific number of LLSA tests that a diplomate or former diplomate must take to fulfill his or her ABEM MOC program requirements.

EXCEPTION

None

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