

2022 APPLIED EXAM FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Before Your Exam

1. What if my institution doesn't allow for travel?

If your institution's no-travel policy due to COVID-19 remains in effect at the time of your 2022 APPLIED Exam, please have your institution prepare a letter (on your institution's official letterhead) as proof of their policy. We will work with you to reschedule your exam appointment.

2. What happens if I test positive prior to the exam? Will there be a penalty?

If you test positive for coronavirus prior to your exam appointment, please notify us as soon as possible by emailing APPLIEDExam@theABA.org. We will work with you to reschedule your exam and you will not be assessed a cancellation or change fee. **Do NOT travel to Raleigh, N.C., for your exam if you have tested positive for the virus.** Please be aware that you may be required to submit verification of a positive COVID-19 test.

3. What happens if the ABA cancels exams? Will there be an option to take the exam virtually?

We are continuing to monitor the latest developments and are prioritizing your safety during your exam. Should it become necessary for the ABA to cancel the APPLIED Exam for any reason, we will notify impacted candidates as soon as possible and work with them to reschedule their in-person exam for a later date. At this time, we will not be offering the APPLIED Exam in a virtual format in 2022.

4. Why do I have to travel to Raleigh to take the exam?

Administering the exam in-person allows for greater standardization, which ensures a fair and consistent exam experience for all candidates that cannot be replicated in a virtual exam environment. In-person assessments alleviate technological and security issues that could impact the exam.

5. Will I be able to choose my exam date? Once my exam date is set, will I be able to change it later without paying a fee?

Candidates will be able to select their preferred exam week when they register—but not the day of that week, much the way they always have. ABA policy allows for one change request per candidate, pending schedule availability and receipt of the \$500 exam change fee.

6. Do I need to be vaccinated to travel to Raleigh to take the exam?

Yes, we require all candidates, examiners and staff be fully vaccinated to enter our facilities. You must also wear a mask and may be required to follow other health, safety and infection control policies such as observing social distancing. The ABA will keep candidates informed of our COVID-19 protocols in the weeks before their exam.

7. How does The ABA define fully vaccinated?

Our standards define a person as fully vaccinated after two weeks following the completion of a two-dose mRNA series (Pfizer or Moderna) or one dose of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine. If eligible and it has been greater than six months since you completed your vaccine series, we require you are boosted.

AIME Center Safety and Operations

8. Will on-site exams run at full capacity?

Yes, the ABA will examine APPLIED Exam candidates at full capacity for 2022.

9. What safety precautions will the ABA take to ensure the safety of staff, examiners and candidates?

Our safety guidelines as of Dec. 2021 are as follows:

- Masks must be worn at all times in The AIME Center we unless eating or drinking.
- Only registered candidates, examiners, attendees or essential staff members are permitted entry into The AIME Center during exam weeks.. During exams and meetings, contact tracing procedures will be in place to track interactions if needed.

10. What happens if there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 at the testing center?

In the event of a confirmed COVID-19 case at The AIME Center, we will immediately notify everyone who came into contact with the individual. That evening, professional cleaning services would deep clean the AIME Center.

11. What if I do not feel comfortable traveling? Will I have the option to take the exam virtually? If not, will I be penalized, and will this count against the duration status?

If you do not feel comfortable traveling in 2022, you may postpone your APPLIED Examination until a later year when you feel more comfortable traveling. The ABA will not administer any virtual exams. You have seven years from the year of your graduation from residency to take your exam. You will not be penalized for not taking your exam; however, you will have one less year of eligibility per the Duration of Candidate Status policy.

12. Will food or snacks be provided during my exam?

Food and beverages, including coffee, will not be provided during registration or at The AIME Center. You are welcome to bring refreshments for your personal use on the condition that they are obtained prior to the start of registration, at which time you will be unable to leave the room. We ask that you plan accordingly as refrigerators will not be available.

13. What is the ABA's policy on shaking hands?

To protect our examiners and candidates, we ask that everyone please refrain from shaking hands during the examination.

14. How long will my exam take?

Your exam time starts immediately following registration. Please see the length of each exam below.

- APPLIED Exam (SOE or OSCE component only): 3.5 hours
- APPLIED Exam (SOE and OSCE components): 5.25 hours

Exam Content: OSCE

15. I read that the 2022 OSCE will include point-of-care ultrasound. Will I need to prepare for that section?

Yes, the OSCE will test point-of-care ultrasound in the Application of Ultrasound and Interpretation of Monitors and Echocardiograms stations in 2022. You'll need to prepare for content on the current OSCE Content Outline on our website.

Fees

16. What is the change fee or cancellation policy?

If you have not been assigned an exam date, time and location, the ABA allows APPLIED Exam candidates to submit, in writing, a one-time exam change request for a new exam week within the same calendar year for a fee of \$500. We will make every effort to reschedule your exam within the same calendar year, but we cannot guarantee it. Written requests for exam changes and related fees can be mailed to the ABA at: APPLIED Exam Team, 4200 Six Forks Rd., Suite 1100, Raleigh, NC, 27609-2687.

If you wish to cancel your exam appointment, we must receive written notification, along with the \$1,750 cancellation fee, at least seven days prior to the start of your scheduled exam week. If you don't cancel and miss your exam appointment, you'll forfeit your registration fee. Written notification of cancellation and related fees can be mailed to the ABA at: APPLIED Exam Team, 4200 Six Forks Rd., Suite 1100, Raleigh, NC, 27609-2687.