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DPMs with Less Than 3 Years of Residency Training: Final Opportunity to get ABFAS Board Certified

Candidates without Board Qualified status who completed a CPME-approved residency of less than three years** must be Board Qualified by December 31, 2018 and have until December 31, 2020 to complete the ABFAS board certification process. Registration for the Didactic and CBPS Part I exams opens on August 15, 2018.

Beginning January 1, 2021, such candidates are ineligible for ABFAS certification. For candidates **without** Board Qualified status refer to this timeline for more details.

Candidates with Board Qualified status who completed a CPME-approved residency of less than three years** may pursue board certification until December 31, 2020. Registration for Part II CBPS exams and Case Review start on November 1, 2018.

Beginning January 1, 2021, such candidates are ineligible for ABFAS certification. For candidates **with** Board Qualified status refer to this timeline for more details.

** This applies to residency programs: PSR-12/PPMR-12, PSR-12/POR-12, PSR-12/RPR-12, PM&S-24 or PSR-24

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New Policy on Annual Fees

Earlier this year, the ABFAS Board of Directors voted to change the annual fee structure to better align with our organization's bylaws. Over the past few years, ABFAS has received feedback regarding the two late fees and the timing associated with when they occur.

We have listened to you! Because of this feedback, we have streamlined the late fee process. If ABFAS has not received payment by October 1, 2018, ABFAS will add a \$100 late fee onto your annual fee invoice. If you haven't paid by October 15, 2018, ABFAS will send a certified letter notifying you of a final October 31, 2018 deadline. If you do not pay your annual fee plus the late fee by that date, ABFAS may revoke your status.

ABFAS will be sending out numerous reminders during this time, to help you avoid paying late fees.

Annual Fee Schedule

Early July 2018: Notice emailed, invoices available to be paid online

Mid-July 2018: Invoices mailed out
September 1, 2018: Annual fee payment due
October 1, 2018: Late Fee Assessed
October 15, 2018: Certified Letter Sent
October 31, 2018: Status Revoked

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PLS Case Logging

ABFAS has developed the **Podiatry Logging Service (PLS)** for the Case Review process. Similar to PRR which you used in residency, with PLS you log all post-residency procedures performed in accredited facilities for which you were the surgeon of record. Procedures performed during residency are not acceptable for logging in PLS or for case submission. You may log cases performed while in a fellowship program provided you were surgeon of record.

Enter into PLS all post-residency surgical procedures that you performed in accredited facilities. The PLS system will inform you when you have met the quantity and diversity requirements, but you must continue logging all cases until you complete the case review application process.

If you are certified in Foot Surgery and seeking only RRA certification, log only post-residency RRA procedures performed.

ABFAS will lock cases selected for case review, however continue logging procedures on PLS until you became board certified. If you do not pass case review, ABFAS will need to select different cases when you reapply. It is therefore necessary that you continue to log all required cases until you pass case review.

PLS Checklist

- Ensure that cases are logged with the correct procedure code in PLS. **(Note: Failure to correctly log procedure type is a common error.)**
- Ensure that you are listed as Surgeon (not Co-surgeon, Assistant Surgeon, or any other designation) on all operative reports and all chart materials for every procedure on the list.
- Ensure that you are listed as the surgeon of record (not co-surgeon) in the intraoperative anesthesia record or circulating nurse notes.
- List every procedure performed and documented in the operative report.

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Meet Us at The National

THE NATIONAL
APMA ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING
WASHINGTON, DC / JULY 12-15, 2018

ABFAS will be attending APMA's Annual Scientific meeting, The National, this July 12-15. Held at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center in National Harbor, MD, you can find ABFAS at booth 729. Please come by and introduce yourself. And share your photos using #ABFAS and #ASMDC!

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ABFAS Profile Update

ABFAS reminds you to log into your profile and confirm all contact information, including email address and mailing address is up-to-date. Please also confirm that all licenses are up-to-date. To update your license information, email your license information to licenses@abfas.org or you can fax your information at 415-553-7801.

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