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Policy:

Effects of Passing/Failing Sections of the Part I Certification in Reconstructive Rearfoot/Ankle Surgery Examination.

Purpose:

To define the results of passing/failing sections of the Part I Certification in Reconstructive Rearfoot/Ankle Surgery.

Procedure:

Candidates must have passed the Part I Certification in Foot Surgery Examination to achieve Board Qualified in Reconstructive Rearfoot/Ankle Surgery. In addition, if qualification in Foot Surgery is lost before qualification in Reconstructive Rearfoot/Ankle Surgery (RRA), the qualification in RRA is revoked until qualification in Foot Surgery is re-established, unless qualification in RRA expires before re-qualification in Foot Surgery.

A candidate must achieve a passing score on the Part I Certification in Reconstructive Rearfoot/Ankle Surgery Examination to be deemed Board Qualified in Reconstructive Rearfoot/Ankle Surgery. The passing score is determined following psychometric evaluation of the examination.

The format of the examination includes both a didactic section (multiple-choice questions) and a Computer-based Patient Simulation (CBPS) section. Candidates must pass both sections to achieve Board Qualified status. Candidates passing one section, but failing the other, receive credit for the section passed, but no board status.

If a candidate passes both sections and candidate status in Foot Surgery is valid, the candidate is granted Board Qualified status in Reconstructive Rearfoot/Ankle Surgery. (See ABPS Policy 803.110.01 for policy on re-qualification.)

Effects of passing/failing sections of the Part I Certification in Reconstructive Rearfoot/Ankle Surgery Examination.

Examination	Didactic Section	CBPS Section	Result	Action
Part I Foot Surgery	Pass	Pass	Board Qualified in Foot Surgery	
Part I RRA Surgery	Pass	Pass	Board Qualified in Reconstructive Rearfoot/Ankle Surgery	
Part I RRA Surgery	Pass	Fail	Credit for passing didactic section of Part I RRA; no board status	Must retake failed section*
Part I RRA Surgery	Fail	Pass	Credit for passing CBPS section of Part I RRA; no board status	Must retake failed section*

*Candidates passing one section, but failing the other, receive credit for the section passed, but no board status. Candidates failing a section of the Part I RRA examination may retake the failed section during the following five years or the end of the candidate's certification eligibility window. If the candidate is unsuccessful in passing the failed section within the timeframe noted above, and is within the candidate's eligibility window, the candidate must retake both Part I sections.