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Changes to the ABFAS Board Certification Process

Effective September 2020

ABFAS works continuously to review its certification process and as a result is announcing changes to the certification process effective in September 2020. While these changes don't have a major impact on the types of examinations ABFAS will require for certification, the changes do impact the number of examinations necessary for board certification.

ABFAS' goals through the new certification process:

- Simplify the certification steps with **fewer exams**
- Save candidates **time** and **money**
- Changes to the PGY 1 & 2 In-training (ITE) examinations will provide residency directors with **additional knowledge** of how their residents are **progressing**
- Candidates will be able to use their **passing** ITE score for **qualification** purposes upon payment of a qualification fee.

	Current	As of September 2020
In-training Examinations	PGY 1 & 2 take same examinations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foot Surgery Didactic – 90 Items • Foot Surgery CBPS – 8 Cases PGY 3 (& PGY 4 where applicable) in PMSR/RRA programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foot and RRA Surgery Didactic – 90 Items • Foot and RRA Surgery CBPS – 4 Foot/4 RRA 	PGY1&2 (& PGY3 in 4-year programs) take same examinations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foot Surgery Didactic – 80 Items • Foot Surgery CBPS – 8 Cases • RRA Surgery Didactic – 80 Items • RRA Surgery CBPS – 8 Cases Final Year Residents take new Board Qualification Examination Series (see below)
Part I Board Qualification	Foot Surgery Didactic – 80 Items Foot Surgery CBPS – 8 Cases RRA Surgery Didactic – 80 Items RRA Surgery CBPS – 8 Cases	Foot Surgery Didactic – 80 Items NEW Foot Surgery CBPS – 12 Cases RRA Surgery Didactic – 80 Items NEW RRA Surgery CBPS – 12 Cases Candidates will be able to use their passing ITE scores for qualification purposes upon payment of a qualification fee.
Part II Board Certification	Foot Surgery CBPS – 12 Cases Foot Surgery Case Review RRA Surgery CBPS – 16 Cases RRA Surgery Case Review	Board qualified prior to September 2020:* NEW Foot Surgery CBPS – 12 Cases Foot Surgery Case Review NEW RRA Surgery CBPS – 12 Cases RRA Surgery Case Review Board qualified September 2020 or after:* Foot Surgery Case Review RRA Surgery Case Review

*If you are, or become, Board Qualified before September 2020 under the current Part I examinations requirements, you will still need to fulfill the current Part II exam requirements to become certified (passing the Part II CBPS and Case Review).

If you take the CBPS exam to become certified in Spring 2020 – you will take the current version of the Part II CBPS exam (12 Foot/16 RRA cases). If you choose to wait until after Spring 2020 – you will take the NEW CBPS exam (12 Foot/12 RRA cases)

Please visit abfas.org/2020 or email us at info@abfas.org for additional information.