



ABFAS NEWSLETTER FOR RESIDENTS

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Convert In-training Exam Scores to Meet Board Qualification Requirements

There are three important reasons you should take the ABFAS [In-training Exams](#) (ITEs). First, the ITEs offer residents experience with the style and format of ABFAS exams, as well as an opportunity to increase knowledge and improve test scores. Second, residency programs pay for ITE registration fees; there is no cost to the resident.

Finally, and perhaps most essentially, residents can convert **passed Final-year ITEs to meet Part I (Board Qualification) exam requirements!** Learn more about this money- and time-saving opportunity by visiting the ABFAS [Resident Fees and ITE Conversion webpage](#).

Prepare for Fall In-training Exams

The ABFAS [In-training Examination Dates webpage](#) lists the Fall 2022 ITE schedule: September 19-24 for the 2022 Postgraduate year 1&2 (and 3 in 4-year programs) exams, and October 11-12 for the 2022 Final-year ITEs.

Registration for all Fall 2022 ITE dates **opens on June 1**. Residents do not need to register, as their Residency Directors will register them for the ITEs. However, residents must [schedule their own exams](#).

How can you best prepare for the ITEs? You can review the ABFAS website for information on ITE [content](#) and [scoring](#). In addition, ABFAS offers both a [practice Didactic examination](#) and a [practice NEW CBPS examination](#).



Prepare for Board Qualification Exams

As with the In-training Exams, ABFAS offers numerous resources to help you prepare post-residency for the Part I (Board Qualification) exams. Web resources include an [overview of the Part I exams](#), information on [Part I exam dates](#), and webpages focused on the exams' [content](#) and [scoring](#). When preparing for Part I, it's also a good idea to take (or retake) the [practice Didactic examination](#) and [practice NEW CBPS examination](#).

What Happens After Board Qualification?

Once candidates meet all Part I Board Qualification requirements and pass the Board Qualification examinations, it's time to begin taking steps toward Board Certification. Candidates must maintain a valid, unrestricted, podiatric license in the US or Canada, and must provide ABFAS with proof of active surgical privileges at a hospital or surgical center. Review the [Board Certification Process webpage](#) for more information on these requirements.

Candidates should log all cases in PLS for which they are the surgeon of record, post-residency, until they pass Case Review. Review the [Part II Case Review webpage](#) for details on that process—the final step toward Board Certification!



ABFAS Presents 2022 Michael L. Stone Awards

On February 24, 2022, ABFAS President Amberly C. Paradoa, DPM, D.ABFAS, presented the 2022 Michael L. Stone, DPM, Outstanding Professional Conduct Awards to nine exceptional students. The awards ceremony took place in Austin, Texas as part of the 2022 ABFAS Annual Meeting. See the ABFAS website for a [full list of recipients](#).

Why ABFAS Board Certification?

It's no secret that ABFAS Board Certification is a rigorous process. Why should you invest the time and effort in achieving ABFAS Board Certification? In a word, **prestige**. Attaining ABFAS Board Certification communicates you have made the effort to be a better surgeon and demonstrates your **competency in surgical knowledge**.

In addition, ABFAS Board Certification makes you more **marketable as a surgeon**. Many hospitals require ABFAS Board Qualification and/or Certification for surgical privileges, and larger medical groups often require ABFAS Board Certification to become a shareholder or partner.

ABFAS is the **only** Foot and Ankle Surgery Certification Board recognized by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education (CPME) through the Specialty Boards Recognition Committee (SBRC), and continually adapts its Board Certification process to make it the **best it can be to fulfill its mission**: protecting public health and safety.

ABFAS 2022 Booth Exhibits and Conferences

In 2022, ABFAS is engaging with DPMs across the country. If you're attending any of these events—virtually or in-person—we welcome you to connect with ABFAS staff to ask questions about ABFAS certification!

[The Western Foot and Ankle Conference](#)

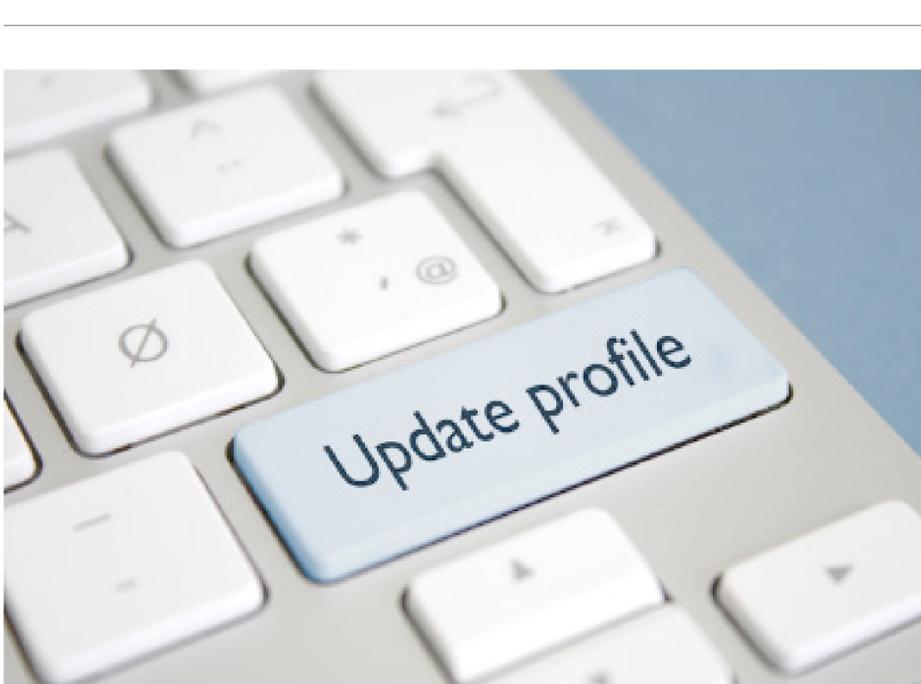
June 23-26, 2022 | Anaheim, CA

[APMA Annual Scientific Meeting](#)

July 28-31, 2022 | Orlando, FL

[ASPS Annual Surgical Conference](#)

November 4-5, 2022 | New Orleans, LA



Before You Leave Residency: Update Your Email Address

Before you leave residency, please update your contact information—especially your email address—so that ABFAS can continue to communicate with you about the Board Qualification and Certification process. You can log into your [ABFAS profile](#) at any time to update your personal information.

In addition, ABFAS uses email as the primary method of sharing announcements and details. To ensure you are receiving ABFAS emails, make sure you add info@abfas.org, updates@abfas.org, and scheduling@abfas.org to your email inbox safe sender list. Instructions are [available online](#).



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