Apply for the General Pediatrics Certifying Examination

Final year residents may apply for the **2016 General Pediatrics Certifying Examination** if their training is satisfactorily completed by September 30, 2016.

**REGISTRATION**

January 15, 2016, through 3 pm EDT March 31, 2016

**LATE REGISTRATION**

(requiring a late fee)

April 1, 2016 through 3 pm EDT May 16, 2016

**2016 EXAM DATES**

The one-day examination will be administered at Prometric testing centers:

- October 18, 2016
- October 19, 2016
- October 20, 2016

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**Medical License Requirement**

As part of the application process, applicants must provide a valid, unrestricted medical license to the ABP by October 3, 2016 in order to take the exam. Training and temporary licenses cannot be accepted to meet this requirement.

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**2016 General Pediatrics In-Training Examination**

The ABP conducted pilot administrations of an Internet-Based Testing (IBT) delivery of the General Pediatrics In-Training Examination in 2014 and 2015. Due to the success of these pilot administrations, the ABP will offer the examination via IBT beginning in 2016.

The examination will continue to be administered at your training program, proctored by your program director or a designated faculty member or other proctor. Results of the examination will be shared with your training program director several weeks after the examination.

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**Updated Booklet of Information**

[Click here](#) to access the updated Booklet of Information – A Guide to Board Certification. This pamphlet explains deadlines and policies useful for applicants for certification. It also contains important information about the various nonstandard training pathways to certification.

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**Interested in Training in a Pediatric Subspecialty?**

Learn more about the requirements for the subspecialty disciplines in which the ABP offers certification.

There are 14 pediatric subspecialty certifications that are administered by the ABP, and five other disciplines that are co-sponsored by the ABP and at least one other Board.

[Review the requirements for all pediatric subspecialties here.](#)
**Time-Limited Eligibility for ABP Exams**

In 2009, the ABP established a policy that set a deadline for eligibility for initial certification examinations. A candidate may apply for certification if training was completed within the previous seven years. The policy went into effect in 2014. [Click to review the full policy for additional details.]

**American Board of Pediatrics Workforce Data**

The ABP collects extensive information on pediatric workforce. [Click to review this data on the ABP website.]

**Policies for Release of Training Information for Trainees**

When a trainee transfers, the ABP will provide summary evaluations, dates of training and months of credit to program directors of the program the trainee enters. This policy ensures that program directors are able to recognize promptly those residents and fellows who need remediation and to address training deficiencies early in training.

**Credit for Previous Training Following an Interruption**

General Pediatrics residents who interrupt training for more than 24 continuous months who wish to re-enter residency must petition the ABP for consideration of credit for training completed before the interruption in training. The request for credit should be submitted to the ABP before the resident resumes pediatric residency.

**MOC for Residents – Promotion**

Residents in ACGME-approved training programs can now “bank” Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Part 4 credit to use after they’re certified. Residents can earn MOC credit for approved quality improvement projects. That credit will then be applied to their first MOC cycle after passing the Initial General Pediatrics Certifying Examination.

Remember, all pediatricians who meaningfully participate in QI projects – residents and faculty alike – are eligible for credit for their participation. Visit the “MOC for Residents” page on our website to learn more.

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