



## **The ABR Medical Physics Policy and Process Regarding Random Audit of Applications**

### **I. Policy**

As previously announced by the American Board of Radiology, the [2012 initiative](#) requires that in order for candidates to be eligible to take the Part 1 examination for certification in medical physics in 2012, they must be enrolled in or have graduated from a CAMPEP-accredited program (graduate program or medical physics residency). Documentation for the ABR entails attestation by the program director that the candidate is a student in good standing within or has graduated from the CAMPEP-accredited program.

For the next few years, the ABR will randomly select 20 percent of its candidates for an audit of their credentials. To comply with the audit, the candidates audited will be requested to submit documentation that they have fulfilled all of the [requirements for certification in medical physics](#), as currently listed on the ABR website. These requirements are in agreement with those established by CAMPEP and will continue to be expected of individuals entering CAMPEP-accredited programs. These requirements include, among other things, that the academic background of the individual contains coursework that is equivalent to at least a minor in physics.

Through this communication, the ABR physics trustees are announcing that this audit policy will be in effect starting with first-time registrations submitted in 2011 for the 2012 Part 1 examination in medical physics. Candidates are advised that they should be prepared and have documentation available for submission to the ABR in the event that they are randomly selected for this audit. A period of 30 days from the date of notification of the audit will be allowed for response. In most cases, it is anticipated that the appropriate documentation would have been on file when the candidate was accepted into the CAMPEP program and may be forwarded to the ABR by the program director. The results of the audit may be shared with the program directors and CAMPEP. In addition, if the random audits indicate a pattern of noncompliance from an accredited program, the ABR may, at its discretion, audit all candidates applying from that program.

Note: Individuals within a medical physics residency with foreign academic degrees only (i.e., no degree from an institution in the United States) are required to have their foreign academic record evaluated by an independent agency that is a member of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES). This process has been in place and [is described on the ABR website](#).

### **II. Process**

#### **Information and Documents to Be Forwarded to the ABR**

### 1. Education (excluding medical physics residencies)

List and provide official transcripts for all undergraduate and graduate degrees.

Academic Degree	School, City, & State	CAMPEP? (Y/N)	Major	Minor	Date Completed MM / YYYY

### 2. Non-Physics Degree Requirements

If your undergraduate/graduate degree is NOT in physics or applied physics, you must have completed the appropriate fundamental physics courses equivalent to a minor in physics (including general physics with calculus and a minimum of three upper-level physics courses in, for example, electricity and magnetism, atomic physics, nuclear physics, modern physics, quantum mechanics, and/or mechanics).

If you feel the courses you have taken in your non-physics undergraduate or graduate programs are equivalent to any upper-level physics courses such as those listed above, it is your responsibility to document equivalence by providing course descriptions as found in official catalogs from your educational institution, or other detailed syllabi as provided by the course instructors.

List specific physics courses you have completed, and provide official transcripts to verify completion.

Course	Institution, City, State	Date Completed MM / YYYY

### 3. International Graduates Enrolled in or Graduated from a CAMPEP-accredited Residency:

International graduates enrolled in or graduated from a medical physics residency who hold only non-United States (U.S.) degrees (both undergraduate and graduate) MUST provide documentation that their foreign degrees are equivalent to those granted from an approved institution in the U.S. Please go to the [ABR-approved list](#) to view the credentialing organizations list (NACES) and instructions. **No credentialing institutions other than those listed on the ABR website will be accepted.**