

**Certification Services Department  
Initial Certification  
Medical Physics Part 1 Exam: Re-entry Eligibility**

**Policy:**

Medical Physics candidates who fail to pass the Part 1 examination within five years of their registration must receive one year of additional training at an institution that is accredited by CAMPEP to provide graduate degrees in medical physics.

In addition:

- The candidate must have a supervisor who is certified by the ABR and is currently meeting the ABR MOC requirements.
- The candidate and the supervisor must develop a training plan that will describe the training.

The training plan must be submitted to the ABR for approval prior to the candidate beginning the training. Training may not begin prior to approval by the ABR. The program must include at least 18 credit hours of education in medical physics. The candidate must register for the courses and complete them with a grade of "C" or higher. If the rules of the university preclude the candidate from registering for courses, the ABR will accept the courses if the instructor will attest to the facts that the candidate:

- attended the lectures,
- completed all the assignments, including laboratories,
- took all tests and examinations, and
- would have been assigned a grade of "C" or higher.

The candidate must meet with the supervisor at least monthly. The period of training must encompass at least 12 consecutive months in the same department. Any allowance for time off must be similar to that of other departmental trainees.

The candidate is expected to attend departmental colloquia and similar academic activities.

If the candidate does not successfully complete the program within 12 months, the length of training will be extended as necessary.

The period of training must be entirely academic and may not include time devoted exclusively to basic or clinical research activities.

At the completion of the training, the candidate must present both an attestation from the supervisor stating that the candidate has successfully completed the training and a transcript showing the courses completed and associated grades.

Upon completion of the training and approval by the ABR, the candidate will receive an additional five years of eligibility for the Part 1 exam, provided at least one Part 1 exam is taken each year. Admission to board eligibility will be in accordance with the policy in place when the candidate was initially approved for Part 1, except that after August 31, 2023, a CAMPEP residency will be required.

Please note: This policy is subject to amendment from time to time. Candidates and diplomates are advised to check the ABR website periodically for the most current version.