Policy Limiting the Time between Passing the Part 1 Examination and the Beginning of Board Eligibility to 10 Years

Policy:

A. Effective January 1, 2015, candidates who have passed the Part 1 examination will be allowed 10 years from the date they passed Part 1 to become approved for the Part 2 examination. Board eligibility begins once a candidate is approved for Part 2. The first group of candidates affected by this policy are those who passed Part 1 in 2007 or prior. The 10-year limit for these candidates will expire in 2017.

B. A candidate who does not attain Part 2 approval within 10 years will have his or her application cancelled. Under such circumstances, a candidate wishing to continue the certification process must reapply for Part 1 under current ABR requirements: The candidate must be enrolled in (or be a graduate of) a CAMPEP-accredited program, such as a graduate education program, a certificate program, or a residency, at the time of application for Part 1. Approval for the Part 2 examination, which is when board eligibility begins, will require completion of a CAMPEP-accredited residency.

C. The ABR will grant an extension in the case of a major difficulty that prevents a candidate from being approved for Part 2 (e.g., extended illness, military deployment, and similar issues). A candidate may apply for an extension in the last two years of the 10-year period.

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.

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