

Professional Examination Rules

- No personal items, including cellular phones, hand-held computers/personal digital assistants (PDAs) or other electronic devices, pagers, watches, wallets, purses, hats (and other head coverings), bags, books, and notes are allowed in the testing room. You must store all personal items in a locker. Cell phones, pagers, or other electronic devices must be checked in with ABR staff and **may not** be stored in a locker. Neither the test center nor the exam sponsor is responsible for lost, stolen, or misplaced personal items.
- The American Board of Radiology is obligated to maintain a secure exam environment. Proctors will be circulating throughout the testing room during the exam. At their discretion, an examinee may be relocated. Any examinee or examinees suspected of any irregularity, such as copying or sharing answers, will risk having their exams invalidated. Therefore, do not communicate with other examinees at any time during the examination window.
- You will be provided with several erasable sheets and a marker. You may not remove these items from the testing room at any time during the exam. If you fill your sheets during the exam, please raise your hand, and the administrator will bring you additional sheets.
- Eating, chewing gum, smoking, and making noise that creates a disturbance for other candidates are prohibited in the examination room. Food may be eaten while taking breaks outside the exam room.
- A Non-Disclosure Agreement will be presented to you before the exam. You must agree to its terms and conditions within the specified time limit, or you may not be able to take the exam.
- To ensure a high level of examination security throughout your testing experience, exam monitors will be present in the exam room.
- You may take **unscheduled breaks** at your own discretion; however, you are not permitted to leave the exam center for any reason. Once your allotted break time has expired, the regular exam timer will continue to count down.
- You are not permitted access to personal items, **including all electronic devices or notes of any kind**, stored in your locker at any time during the exam or while on a scheduled or unscheduled break. The only exceptions allowed are for required medication, food or drinks. Under no circumstances is access permitted to mobile phones or reference materials. If any irregular behavior occurs, the ABR will take appropriate action.
- You must leave the testing room for all breaks. You may not leave the building housing the test center for any reason. You may have your biometric data captured when you leave the testing room and again before you re-enter the testing room. These data are used for examination security purposes.
- If you experience any difficulty with your exam computer or the exam software, or have any other issue during the exam that you believe could adversely affect your performance, please notify a proctor **immediately** by raising your hand. The ABR requires you to complete an incident report prior to leaving the exam center if you feel that a computer malfunction has affected your examination outcome. If an incident report is not completed, nothing further can be done to investigate your claim after you leave the center.
- If you have other questions or concerns, please raise your hand, and a proctor will assist you as long as other candidates are not disturbed. The exam proctors cannot answer questions related to exam content.
- You may not remove copies of exam questions and answers from the testing center in any format, and you may not share or discuss the questions or answers seen in your exam with other candidates.
- If you do not follow the above rules, if you tamper with the computer, or if you are suspected of cheating, appropriate action will be taken by the exam sponsor. This may include invalidation of your exam results.
 - **Your privacy** Your exam results will be encrypted and transmitted to the ABR. The test center does not retain any information other than when and where your exam was taken.