



Provisions for Special Requests Regarding ABR Examinations

The American Board of Radiology designs all of its examinations to allow fair, standardized, psychometrically valid assessments for all examinees. All examinees are held to the same standards and policies, and an accommodations policy exists for those who qualify under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The ABR may grant special provisions to modify existing operations if requests are received no less than three months in advance of the exam date (six weeks for MOC) and can be accomplished within available resources; these reasonable additional provisions for select special scenarios are explained below.

Scenarios permitting special provisions

Pregnancy

- For examinees who will be in the third trimester at the date of the examination, the candidate may be excused from having to take the examination if the ABR is provided with acceptable documentation that explains a pregnancy-related reason that the candidate is unable to travel to or sit through the examination. The ABR always recommends candidate follow their doctor's advice with regard to any medical condition.
 - The ABR does not offer a special examination or location; the candidate must wait to take the next normally scheduled exam.
 - This provision does NOT result in any adjustment of board eligibility/MOC status with respect to time limitations.
 - If granted, this provision does excuse an individual from having to take the Core exam at the first offering for which the candidate is eligible; the exam must then be taken at the next eligible administration.
- If a pregnant examinee must leave, after having arrived to take the examination, due to pregnancy related issues (delivery, problem with pregnancy, etc.), any applicable cancel/no show fee is waived.
- Normal pregnancy needs are generally accommodated in current operations (e.g., extra break time is already included in all exams).

Nursing Mothers

- Examinees who are nursing will be allowed bring equipment to pump and store breast milk with proper advance notice.
 - Examinees are responsible for bringing their own supplies including but not limited to a pump, cooler, and extension cord. Private rooms with electrical

outlets are not guaranteed. Volume of requests may result in limited access to private rooms.

- Nursing a child during examination period cannot be accommodated. Please plan in advance to make any necessary provisions if you are currently nursing.
- Examinees may NOT leave the examination center and children/spouses may not enter the examination area; only registered examinees may enter the premises.

Military Related

- In the case of deployment or transfers occurring at the time of the examination, exam cancellation / no show fees may be waived with acceptable documentation.
- For examinations which can be offered overseas, the ABR may offer the ability to take the examination at a designated secured environment closer to an actively deployed examinee.
- Excepting an emergency/unplanned deployment, provisions for fee waivers will not be provided without advance request according to the deadline.

Temporary debilitating / contagious illness

- Examinees with contagious illnesses should not appear for an examination. Any cancel/no show fee is waived with acceptable documentation. The examinee must wait until next opportunity to take exam.
- If otherwise ill and not contagious, the examinee should follow his/her doctor's recommendation. Any cancel/no show fee is waived with acceptable documentation. ABR may place individuals displaying symptoms of illness in an isolated area / time to minimize impact on other examinees.
- Advance notice is requested for this scenario, whenever possible.

Bereavement

- If documentation is provided of recent or imminent death in immediate family (within 6 weeks of the exam), cancel/no show fees are waived.
- Bereavement circumstances outside of those listed above may be presented in writing for review and decision by executive staff/trustees.
- Documented severe impact on mental health may be covered under ADA, please see the ADA policy for more details.
- Advance notice is requested for this scenario, whenever possible.

Scenarios not permitted/covered by this policy

The ABR is unable to entertain requests for items including, but not limited to, the following:

- individual preferences for seating, lighting, heating/cooling, etc.
- exceptions to the published procedures regarding access to and consumption of food and drink
- requests made at the moment of arrival
- requests related to major family events (weddings, sick family members, etc.)
- requests to use non-ABR provided materials
- requests for different/custom exam dates or locations.

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.