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There has been an important change in the American Board of Radiology certification status of individuals completing diagnostic radiology residency programs on or after June 30, 2014. Diagnostic radiology residents no longer have an opportunity to become ABR certified by the time of completion of residency training. Individuals who have successfully passed the ABR Core Examination, given after 36 months of training, must wait at least 12 months after satisfactory completion of their residency program to take the ABR Certifying Examination. The Core Exam covers all areas of diagnostic radiology.

Candidates are considered “board eligible” for six years after successful completion of their ACGME- accredited residency program. A “board eligible” radiologist has satisfactorily completed an ACGME-accredited diagnostic residency program, with verification by the program stating that she or he has demonstrated sufficient competence to enter practice without direct supervision. Such radiologists have been deemed capable of practicing radiology independently prior to the ABR Certifying Examination. For more information about the ABR’s policy on board eligibility please see: <http://www.theabr.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/BoardEligiblePolicy.pdf>.

If you have any further questions, please let us know.

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