

Path to Remote Exams

When the COVID-19 pandemic struck, it impacted everyone's lives. Among those affected were radiology candidates in the initial certification process; cancellations pushed back their exams by several months or longer. When it became apparent that in-person exams were no longer an option, the ABR joined other ABMS Member Boards in establishing remote platforms. Setting up the new delivery method took months of work by staff and volunteers along with feedback from stakeholders.

Here are a few important milestones:

MARCH 2020

- In-person exams canceled or postponed
- Institutions begin enacting travel restrictions
- First remote committee meeting

JULY 2020

- Regular feedback meetings begin with stakeholders about remote exams

DECEMBER 2020

- Limited computer-based exams at PearsonVUE Centers
- First remote exam guide released

FEBRUARY 2021

- First full remote computer-based exams

JUNE 2021

- All 2020 certification-eligible candidates complete their exams

AUGUST 2021

- Candidates eligible for certification in 2021 start their exams

MAY 2021

- First remote oral exams
- ABR commits to giving all exams remotely in 2022

JANUARY 2021

- First remote computer-based pilot exam

OCTOBER 2020

- Proctorio signs on to serve as remote exam proctor

JUNE 2020

- Most exams pushed back to 2021
- Transition to remote exams announced for 2021

Our remote exam platform is constantly evolving to meet security needs and optimize the candidate experience. We are committed to delivering exams remotely in 2022 and ensuring that candidates are well-supported throughout the process.