



FAQs

1. Is the ABOMP going to schedule my exam date?

Candidates will schedule their own exam(s) dates. Once ABOMP notifies candidates that the scheduling period is open, they must create an account with Pearson VUE and then schedule the testing date and test center location of their choice based on availability.

2. How do I schedule an exam?

Candidates will schedule their exam(s) online. Once the scheduling period is open, go to the ABOMP homepage on the Pearson VUE website (link will be provided) and create an account using your candidate ID# sent to you by email from the ABOMP. Once the account is created, you can sign in to select the exam you need to schedule. All candidates must create a new account, even if they have used a Pearson VUE center in the past.

Friendly tip: You can select up to three test centers to compare appointment availability.

3. I am taking a two-day exam. Do they have to be scheduled together?

Yes, each exam day will be scheduled separately but they must be taken on consecutive days. Candidates can schedule each exam day at different test centers if needed.

4. Are there going to be extended dates to take the exam?

ABOMP certification exams must be taken during the exam test dates. No exams will be administered after those dates.

5. Can I take the exam remotely?

No, ABOMP is using only Pearson Professional Testing Centers to administer the exams.

6. Can I travel to a different state/jurisdiction to take my exam?

Candidates are responsible for ensuring that there are no travel restrictions in place for the location where they want to take the exam. If a candidate travels to another state with travel restrictions in place, they may be turned away or required to quarantine. Please note that this exam is administered at Pearson VUE professional centers **ONLY** in the continental United States.

7. My exam is not available at my preferred testing location. What should I do?

Test centers vary in terms of the days and times they're open and the exams they deliver. If your exam is not available at your preferred test center, please search for other test centers. Appointment availability continues to change due to COVID-19, so be sure to check back regularly to see if the location you desire becomes available. The earlier that you schedule, the more likely you are to get your preferred location.

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8. Will there be microscopes at the testing centers?

Microscopes are not required for the Certification Exams. The exams will be administered using only virtual microscopy images where applicable and will be indicated on the daily exam schedules provided on the ABOMP website.

9. May I wear earplugs or headphones during the exam?

Candidates may use foam earplugs supplied by Pearson VUE Professional Test Centers. Personal earplugs or headphones are not permitted.

10. May I bring or use scrap paper during the exam?

Whiteboards and markers will be provided for use during the exam(s). No items are permitted in the exam room except for your ID and locker key if you are using a locker for personal belongings, food, and beverages.

11. What form of identification (ID) will I need to show?

You will need to show 2 forms of identification for check-in at the test center and when returning from breaks. One must be an original (no photocopies), valid (unexpired) government-issued photo ID (e.g. driver's license, passport) that includes your name, photograph, and signature. All IDs required must be issued by the country in which you are testing. If you do not have the qualifying ID issued from the country you are testing in, an International Travel Passport from your country of citizenship is required.

Please be sure your **FIRST** and **LAST** name on your photo IDs match your first and last name the ABOMP has on file. If it does NOT match, contact us to update your information at Amanda@abpath.org.

12. Am I required to wear a face mask?

Where required by law, yes, you must bring and wear your own face mask the entire time you are at the test center, including throughout your exam.

- Please note: Regardless of local regulations, some programs require masks for all testing candidates. To find out if your program mandates mask-wearing, refer to your program-specific landing page or use the [Face Mask Lookup](#) feature on the Pearson VUE website.

A surgical or cloth face mask, including a homemade face mask, is acceptable as long as your nose and mouth are fully covered. Please refer to the CDC, WHO, or your local health organization for best practices on choosing effective face masks. Face masks with exhalation valves and face shields are not acceptable. We are unable to provide face masks to candidates. Candidates without a face mask will be denied testing services. You will be asked to briefly remove the mask during the check-in process to take the required candidate photo.

15. What health and safety measures is Pearson VUE taking at the test centers?

Pearson VUE implemented a strict cleaning regimen at all Pearson Professional Centers. This includes providing hand sanitizer to candidates upon entering the test center and sanitizing the surface and equipment of each workstation at the end of every appointment. Any equipment used during the check-in process is sanitized after every use.

16. What if I need to request a testing accommodation?

All requests for accommodations, including those for Nursing Mothers, must be made through the ABOMP by contacting Amanda@abpath.org. Please contact ABOMP as soon as possible for an accommodation.

17. May I bring my inhaler with me to the test center?

Yes, inhalers are an approved comfort device. They will be allowed in the testing room upon visual inspection by the Test Center staff. Visual inspection will be done by examining the item without directly touching it (or the candidate) and without asking the candidate to remove the item, unless otherwise stated in the [Pearson VUE Comfort Aid List](#).

18. How do I cancel my exam?

Please refer to the ABOMP website for the Cancellation Policy.

<https://www.abomp.org/application-initial-certification>