



American Board of Periodontology Fairness in Examining Policy

The American Board of Periodontology (ABP) is committed to providing certificate examinations that are fair to all candidates regardless of age, gender, disability, race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, linguistic background, or other personal characteristics.

Careful standardization of examinations and administration conditions helps to ensure that all candidates are given a comparable opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and performance in the areas being examined. Fairness implies that every candidate has the opportunity to prepare for the examination and is informed of the general nature and content of the examination as appropriate to the purpose of the exam. Fairness also extends to the accurate reporting of examination results.

With respect to the certification examination the American Board of Periodontology will:

Indicate what the examination measures and the strengths and limitations of the examination.

Provide guidance on the level of skills, knowledge, and training necessary for appropriate review of the examinations.

Provide evidence that the technical quality of examinations, including reliability and validity of the examinations, meet their intended purposes.

Avoid potentially offensive content or language when developing examination questions and related materials.

Make appropriately modified forms of examinations available for candidates with disability who need special accommodations, in compliance with the ABP's Accommodation Policy and Procedures for Candidates with Disabilities.

With respect to examination administration and scoring the American Board of Periodontology will:

Provide a clear description of detailed procedures for administering examinations in a standardized manner.

Provide information to candidates on examination formats, including information on the use of any needed materials or equipment.

Establish and implement procedures to ensure the security of the examination materials during all phases of development, administration, scoring, and reporting.

Monitor procedures, materials, and guidelines for scoring examinations, and for assessing the accuracy of scoring process.

Ensure adequate training of examiners scoring exams.

Develop and implement procedures for confidentiality of scores.

Correct errors that affect the interpretation of the scores and communicate the corrected results.

[With respect to reporting and interpreting examination results, the American Board of Periodontology will:](#)

Provide the rationale, procedures, and evidence for setting performance standards for establishing passing scores.

Provide information that enables accurate interpretation and reporting of examination results.

Provide examination results in a timely fashion (within 6 weeks).

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