

Board Eligibility

Effective January 1, 2012–April 30, 2014

The American Board of Family Medicine defines the 7-year period of board eligibility as (1) the period that begins January 1, 2012, for any physician eligible to apply for certification prior to that date; (2) the period that begins upon the date of successful completion of an ACGME accredited Family Medicine residency training program, on or after January 1, 2012, in accordance with all ABFM policies and procedures (or upon successful application for reciprocity as defined by our reciprocity agreements); or (3) the period that begins upon the date of loss of certification on or after January 1, 2012.

In order to represent themselves as board eligible, the physician must comply with the Guidelines for Professionalism, Licensure and Personal Conduct. In addition, the physician must continue to meet the requirements for MC-FP or the MC-FP Entry or Re-Entry processes.

After expiration of the 7-year period of board eligibility, a family physician can regain eligibility only by successfully completing at least one year of additional training in an accredited family medicine residency training program (or an ABFM approved alternative) and completing the MC-FP Re-Entry Process.