

Board Eligibility Policy
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Between January 1, 2012 and April 30, 2014, the American Board of Family Medicine defined the seven-year period of board eligibility as (1) the period that began January 1, 2012, for any physician eligible to apply for certification prior to that date; (2) the period that begins the day after the 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 (3) the period that begins upon the date of loss of certification on or after January 1, 2012 and before May 1, 2014.

In order to represent oneself as board eligible, the physician must comply with the Guidelines for Professionalism, Licensure and Personal Conduct. In addition, the physician must continue to participate in meeting the requirements for the Certification Entry or Re-Entry process.

After expiration of the seven-year period of board eligibility, an initial certification candidate can regain eligibility only by successfully completing at least one year of additional training in an ACGME accredited family medicine residency training program (or an ABFM approved alternative) and participating in meeting the requirements for the Certification Entry process.