



Eligibility

1. Where can I find more about the specific requirements for exam eligibility?

- A candidate information booklet and other requirements is available in your MyABFM Portfolio. To find this information, scroll to the “Knowledge Center” section and click “Additional Qualifications.”

Exam

2. When can I register for the exam?

- The online application is available in your MyABFM Portfolio until Monday, July 22, 2024.

3. What are the dates of the exam?

- The exam will be offered online from November 11-26, 2024.

4. How will the exam be delivered?

- The secure exam will be delivered online. You may take it from a personal computer.
- In-person testing is not currently available.
- The online exam will be remotely proctored.

5. How long will the exam take?

- The exam will take approximately 4 hours.

6. Will there be a time limit for questions?

- There is not a time limit for individual questions, just an overall time limit to complete the exam.

7. Can I use resources to answer the exam questions?

- Reference use is not allowed in the qualifying (initial) HALM exam.
- You may not collaborate with others to answer questions.

8. What will the exam cover?

- A detailed exam blueprint may be found on the [American Board of Emergency Medicine website](#).

9. Are there study materials available for the exam?

- The boards do not produce study guides, sample tests, or provide recommended materials. Candidates are encouraged to review the exam blueprint for areas they may need to study prior to the exam.
- The American Association of Physician Leadership and the American College of Physician Executives have lists of resources (books, papers) on different topics that may be helpful for review in areas of the blueprint you might feel are not strengths.

10. What is the exam cost?

- As with other ABFM CAQs, the qualifying exam registration fee is \$1300.

Continuing Certification

11. Am I required to maintain primary certification in Family Medicine?

- Yes. Maintenance of primary certification in Family Medicine is required for all ABFM CAQs.

12. What are the requirements for maintaining my HALM CAQ?

- To maintain the HALM CAQ, you must complete the following requirements every five years:
 - Passing three online, multiple choice questions modules
 - Completion of one self-directed executive leadership or health-systems focused performance improvement activity is preferred and strongly encouraged. Completion will meet the PI requirement for maintaining Family Medicine Certification.

13. What is the cost of maintaining my HALM CAQ? Are the costs in addition to maintaining my Family Medicine Certification?

- Once initial HALM certification is achieved, a process fee of \$100 is required annually beginning the year after the successful exam. This is in addition to the cost of maintaining Family Medicine Certification.

14. Do HALM continuing certification requirements count towards my Family Medicine Certification requirements?

- HALM self-assessment and performance improvement activities will count toward those respective requirements of Family Medicine Certification.
- Completion of either Family Medicine Continuous Longitudinal Assessment (FMCLA) or the one-day exam every 5 years is still required.

Other Questions

15. Where can I get answers to other HALM questions not covered in these FAQs or other online resources?

- For questions about the application process, exam dates and more, please email halm@theabfm.org.
- For questions about eligibility and other requirements, please contact Dr. David Price at dprice@theabfm.org.

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