Process for Requesting a Rescore
ABFM employs many quality control procedures to ensure that all examinations are scored accurately. The quality control process is very extensive and is largely the reason that it takes so long to provide candidates with their results. Although the possibility of an examination being incorrectly scored is extremely remote, ABFM recognizes that some candidates may feel that an error has occurred. In such cases, the candidate has the right to request that the examination be re-scored.

This review is not a review of the content of the items, or a reconsideration of what the correct answer should be. It is also not a reconsideration of the passing standard or of the acceptability of the testing conditions. The rescore process does not release item content. You will not be permitted to review examination items. This review is limited to verifying (1) that the responses that were scored were indeed made by the candidate and (2) that the scoring process correctly transformed the candidate’s responses into a scaled score.

Candidates who wish to request a review of scoring must send the request in writing — detailing the specific reason a scoring error is suspected. Requests must be postmarked within 14 days of the official release of the score reports and must be accompanied by a $200 check, made payable to the American Board of Family Medicine. ABFM will verify the candidate’s responses to each question, compare those responses to the answer key, and recalculate the candidate’s scaled score. Typically, candidates will be informed of ABFM’s finding within 30 days of the cut-off date for accepting rescore requests.

Requests should be sent to:  ABFM, 1648 McGrathiana Pkwy., Suite 550, Lexington, KY 40511
ATTN: Rescore Manager

ABFM ID#: __________________ Date: __________________

Candidate’s Name: ________________________________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________________________

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*Email: ______________________________________________________________

*Please indicate how you would like to receive your rescore results: email / U.S. mail
(Circle one)

Examination: Spring / Fall
(Circle one)

Please indicate why you would like your exam rescored:

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Do not use this form to request a rescore for a Certificate of Added Qualification (CAQ) examination. There is a different form for that purpose in the Certificate of Added Qualification section of the ABFM website.

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