

# Family Medicine Certification Entry/Re-Entry Process

At the American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM), we recognize family physicians sometimes experience delays in pursuing their initial and continuing board certification goals. The Entry/Re-Entry Process was created to help physicians gain certification after delays of three years or more.

ABFM provides you with a personalized portfolio where you can access the required certification activities for your initial certification or re-entry process, as well as track your ongoing progress toward continuous Family Medicine Certification over your practice lifetime.

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<b>Points Requirement</b> <i>(50 points required per 3-year stage)</i>	<b>Self-Assessment</b> <i>Minimum 1 KSA, 4 CKSAs, or 10 NJC articles</i>
	<b>Performance Improvement</b> <i>Minimum 1 PI activity</i>
	<b>Additional Self-Assessment and PI Activities</b> <i>Your choice</i>
<b>CME Requirement</b>	Complete 150 CME credits in the most recent three years prior to the exam <i>Minimum 50% from Division 1 Credit</i>
<b>Professionalism and Licensure Requirement</b>	Comply with ABFM Guidelines for Professionalism, Licensure, and Personal Conduct <i>Continually hold a valid and unlimited medical license</i>
<b>Submit Entry or Re-Entry Process Fee</b>	Submit a one-time \$300 certification fee
<b>Submit Application</b>	Submit application and accompanying full examination fee for the Family Medicine Certification Examination
<b>Completion</b>	Successful Completion of Family Medicine Certification Examination



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### Certification Entry Process

You have three calendar years following the year in which you complete your residency training to pass the Family Medicine Certification Examination, earn 50 certification activity points, and obtain a medical license. After that, you will be required to complete the Certification Entry Process to take the exam and gain initial certification status prior to your 7-year board eligibility period expiring.

### Certification Re-Entry Process

If your certification has been expired for more than three years, you must complete the Certification Re-Entry Process in order to take the exam and gain certification status. Physicians from the 2020 and 2021 stages who let their ABFM certification lapse have a limited time to re-gain certification before the Re-Entry Process is required.

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