

# 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 an individual **Physician Portfolio** where you can access the required certification activities for your initial certification or re-entry process, as well as track your ongoing process toward continuous Family Medicine Certification over your practice lifetime.

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

