

## CERTIFICATION ADMISSIBILITY LIMITS

Candidates must successfully complete both the Written and Oral Examinations within 8 years after completion of plastic surgery residency training to achieve certification. Fellowship training is included in the 8 years available to complete certification. Reapplication is required 5 years after the completion of plastic surgery residency training to reconfirm the professional standing of the candidate.

Candidates are advised to utilize every opportunity (i.e. examination administration years) to complete the Written and Oral Examinations to achieve certification. That focus will help candidates avoid reaching the maximum admissibility limits and being subject to the additional Reapplication requirements after 5 years of admissibility.

Fellowship training does not affect admissibility to the Written Examination but will delay admissibility to the Oral Examination because cases performed during fellowships, whether part of the fellowship or not and regardless of the ability to perform cases independently, may not be included in the Oral Examination clinical case log.

If the candidate fails to successfully complete both the Written and Oral Examinations by 8 years after residency graduation, and the candidate still wishes to pursue certification, an Extended Admissibility Application process is required.

Reapplication and Extended Admissibility requirements are detailed in the Admissibility Policy posted on the Board's website under the [About Us Policies](#) section.

### **Canadian residents who obtain certification by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada prior to 2007**

Canadian residents certified by the RCPSC prior to 2007 must be reviewed by the Board's Credentials and Requirements Committee. Additionally, they must complete the Professional Standing Requirements of the Board's Continuous Certification in Plastic Surgery Program prior to being approved for application to the Board. The Professional Standing requirements must be supported with documentation and must include:

1. Current, valid, full and unrestricted state, province or international medical license;
2. Verification of active, hospital inpatient admitting privileges in plastic surgery;
3. ABPS Peer Review Evaluations (at least one must be from a Chief of Surgery, Chief of Staff or Chief of Plastic Surgery at one of the hospitals where privileges are held. Two additional forms from any of the following categories: ABPS certified plastic surgeon, anesthesiologist, nursing supervisor, or Chiefs of Staff, Surgery, Plastic Surgery);
4. Accreditation Certificates for Outpatient Surgical Facilities, if applicable; and
5. Confirmation of completion of plastic surgery residency training and recommendation to the Board's examination process by the plastic surgery program director.