



ABPS 2024 Self-Assessment Activity

The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc is proud to announce improvements to the Self-Assessment Activity for 2024. To complete these exciting changes, the administration window will open on **May 3, 2024**.

New improvements include:

- Updated platform with simplified log in process – Access the assessment with one-click from your ABPS Tracking Page on the Board’s website. No need for an additional log in step or access code.
- New format – complete the 30-question assessment; If one or more items were answered incorrectly during the first attempt, you will relaunch only those items in an effort to achieve 100%.
- Expanded administration window – the assessment will remain open for 6 weeks instead of 4.

This year’s assessment will launch Friday, May 3 and close on Friday, June 14, 2024. You will receive an email notification when testing begins. As a reminder, you will choose only one module to complete each year. If you’ve missed any assessments from previous years, you will be able to catch up this Spring.

For diplomates with expired certification, upon successful results, new certificates will include issue dates of April 1, 2024 to remain consistent with prior years.

A short tutorial video is available with screenshots, and a tutorial exam is available on the testing website to walk you through the new format. We recommend reading through this set of instructions to prepare for the administration window.

You will receive an email notification when the assessment opens, and regular reminders throughout the administration window. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact staff@abplasticsurgery.org

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Logging in

The new improved Single Sign-On system makes it simple to access the testing website. There is no need for a passcode and no more confusion if your email address has changed recently. You can click at the link at the top of your tracking page at <https://www.abplasticsurgery.org>, shown here:

The 2024 testing administration window for the Self-Assessment Activity is now open through June 14, 2024 at 5pm ET.
[Click here to access ABPS Continuous Certification Assessments](#)

Or on the “Self-Assessment Activity” link under the current year:

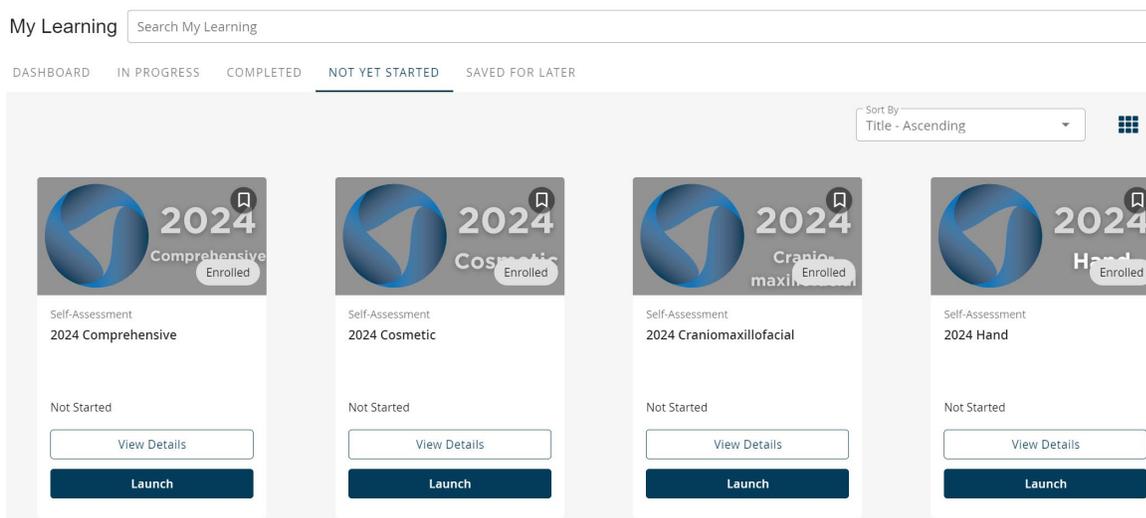
Continuous Certification Requirements Currently Due:

Year 9: 2024 Activities	Status	Deadline
Continuous Certification Fee	Incomplete	June 15, 2024
Self-Assessment Activity (30 questions)	Opens May 3	June 14, 2024
Professional Standing Update	Incomplete	December 01, 2024

Viewing your “My Learning” Dashboard

Viewing your “My Learning” Dashboard, you will see the first **three** assessments available. As you may know, there are **four** module choices. These are listed alphabetically. If you are completing the Hand module, be sure to click “See All” or “Not Yet Started” on the header to view all four modules. For those that hold a Hand Surgery subspecialty certificate, the Hand module is required each year.

The ABPS reminds you that only ONE module is required each year. You will not receive credit for completing more than one, and any further completion will not be considered during scoring. The others will remain on your “Not Yet Started” page, but only **one** is required. You can check your “In Progress” or “Completed” to see which you’ve completed this calendar year.



If you have any previous Self-Assessments to complete, they will be shown under “Not Yet Started” in ascending order (2019-2024). Users can search for a specific year under “Search My Learning” ie; 2021 to access only that year if you are having trouble navigating through multiple years. If you have any questions about a previous year’s completion, check your ABPS Tracking Page at <https://www.abplasticsurgery.org> or contact the Board Office at staff@abplasticsurgery.org

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Tutorial Exam

The ABPS recommends completing the simple 4-question Tutorial Examination to practice using the new testing platform. This should be listed as the first assessment on your “My Learning” page. If it is not visible in the preview, click “See All” circled below, or the “Not Yet Started” tab.

My Learning

DASHBOARD IN PROGRESS COMPLETED

Not Yet Started [See All](#)

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Enrolled

Self-Assessment
Tutorial

Practice using the new testing platform

Not Started

[View Details](#)

[Launch](#)

To begin, click “Launch,” which will bring you to the assessment’s page, shown below:

Self-Assessments [Dashboard](#) [Notes](#) [Bookmarks](#)

Dashboard

Completion



0 of 2 Self-Assessments Taken | 00:00:00 Avg. Answer Time | 00:00:00 Avg. Correct Answer Time

00:00:00 Avg. Incorrect Answer Time

[Self-Assessments](#) [Reports](#)

Self-Assessment Name	Self-Assessment Length	Self-Assessment Time	% Correct	Status
Tutorial	4 Questions	Unlimited		
 Tutorial (2nd attempt)	4 Questions	Unlimited		

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Locked 2nd Attempt

The *Tutorial (2nd attempt)* will open only when the first row is complete. This assessment will only include those items that you answer incorrectly during the first attempt.

Beginning a Self-Assessment

To begin, select the *first row* highlighted in red below, and then click on the green “Start Self-Assessment” button

The screenshot shows the ABPS Self-Assessment interface. At the top, there are tabs for 'Self-Assessments' and 'Reports'. Below this is a table with the following data:

Self-Assessment Name	Self-Assessment Length	Self-Assessment Time	% Correct	Status
Tutorial	4 Questions	Unlimited		
🔒 Tutorial (2nd attempt)	4 Questions	Unlimited		

Below the table, there are tabs for 'Self-Assessments', 'Dashboard', 'Notes', and 'Bookmarks'. A 'Back' button and 'Tutorial' label are visible. A progress bar shows '0.0% Complete' and a green 'Start Self-Assessment' button.

The question screen displays the title 'Tutorial' and a progress bar for 'Question 1 of 4'. It shows a timer for 'This Question: 00:17' and 'Total: 00:17', along with a 'Pause Self-Assessment' button. The question text is: 'To achieve initial ABPS Certification, a candidate must successfully complete which of the following?'. The options are:

- A. A Written Examination only
- B. A Medical Jurisprudence Examination
- C. Have their first 30 cases proctored by an ABPS Director
- D. Both a Written and Oral Examination
- E. A simulation examination of 5 plastic surgery procedures

Each option has a red 'X' icon to its right. At the bottom right, there is a green 'Confirm' button.

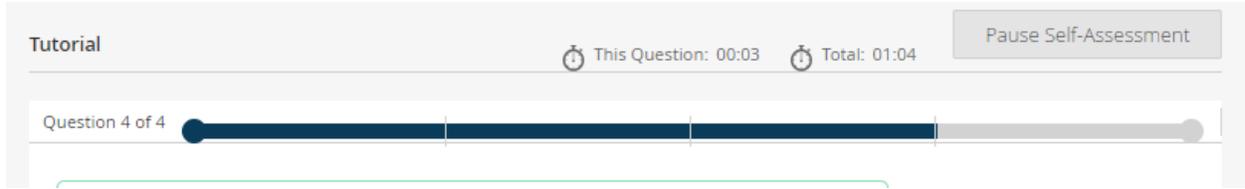
Read the question, select your response, and then click “Confirm” to move to review the rationale and find out if your answer was correct or incorrect, as shown below:



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Taking a Break

If a break is needed, or you would like to come back a different time, click “Pause Self-Assessment” in the upper right corner. The administration window remains open throughout the entire 6 weeks and you may leave and return as many times as necessary to complete the assessments.

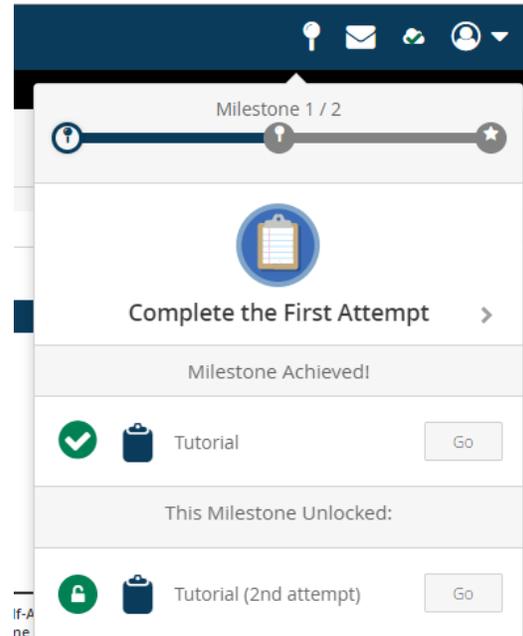
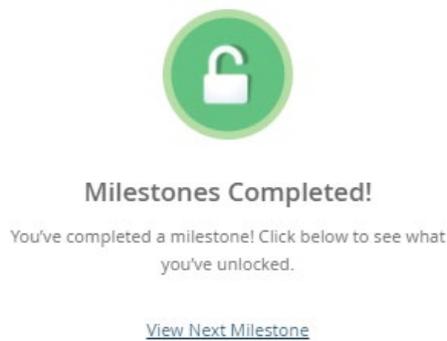


When you return to the dashboard, the selected Self-Assessment will be listed under “In Progress”

Completing the Self-Assessment

After completing all questions in the first attempt assessment, you will see a pop-up showing:

You can also view your progress using the “pin” icon in the upper right corner menu.



Completing your Second Attempt Assessment

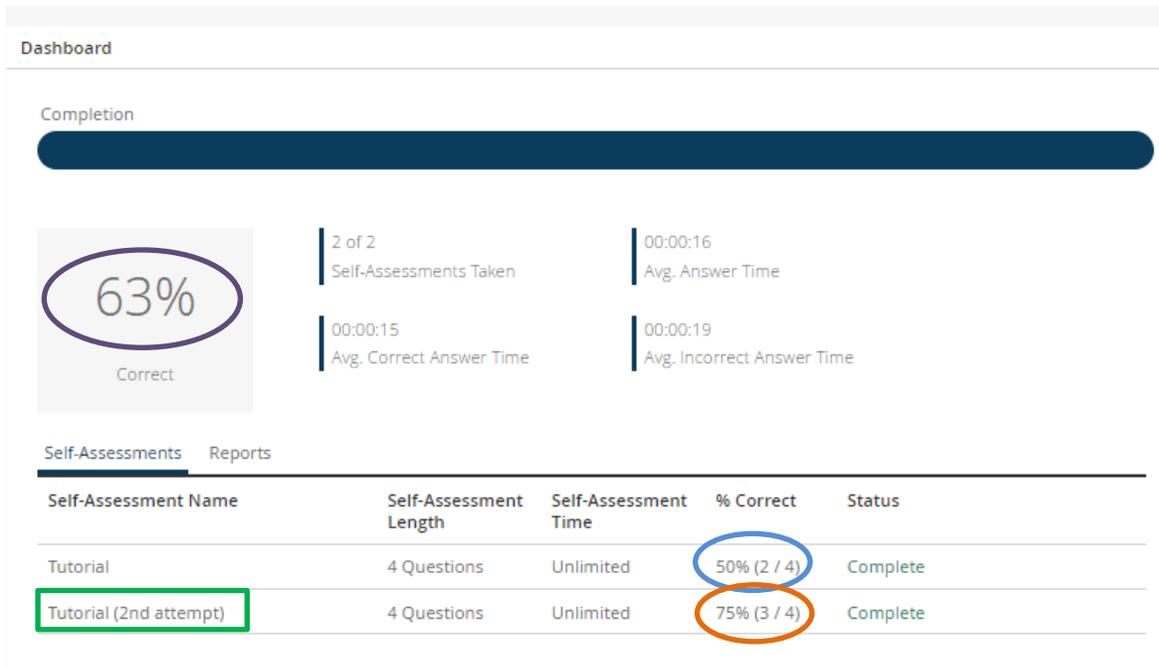
During the second attempt assessment, all correct answers will automatically be skipped. You will only see the items that were answered incorrectly the first time. The answer that you previously chose will not be highlighted during this second attempt. However, for the second attempt, the rationale is presented *with* the question for you to review before answering.

If all 30 questions were answered correctly during the first attempt, this Second Attempt Assessment becomes unlocked but when you launch, no further items are required and you will then be marked as Complete.

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Verifying Completion

When all questions are answered the second time through, your Self-Assessment is considered Complete. You can verify this on your Dashboard by the blue bar filled in.



On this screen, you can see three different percentages.

Circled on the screenshot above in **blue** is your baseline knowledge – the percentage correct after the first attempt.

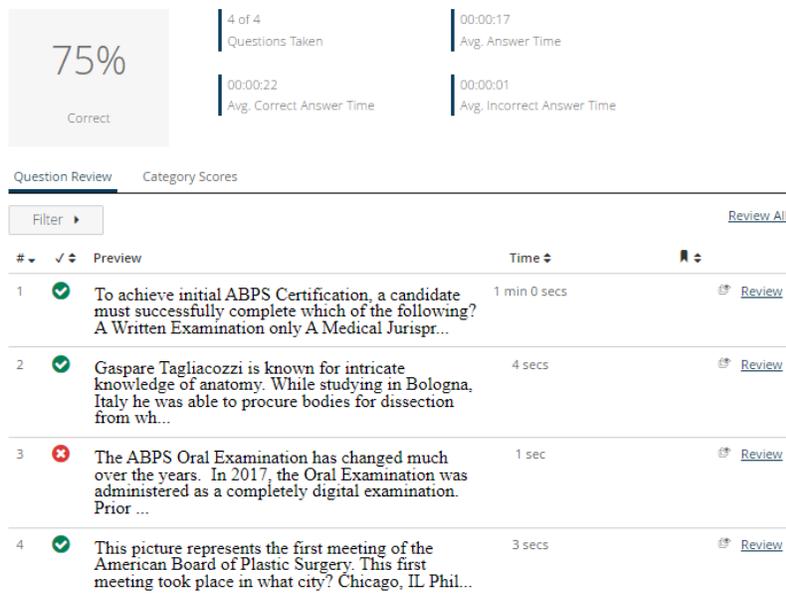
Circled on the screenshot above in **orange** will be your final response percentage correct. **This is what will be used for ABPS scoring and psychometric analysis.**

Circled on the screenshot above in **purple** is an average of the two scores. This is not used for any certification purposes, but rather for your individual information.

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Review Your Performance

To review your Self-Assessment and performance, click into the **second attempt** row (highlighted with the green box above). You will then be shown the following page:



On this page, you can filter by the correct/incorrect response. The “Category Scores” tab will show the performance broken up by topic.

Clicking “Review” will bring you to the individual item, with the rationale, reference, and correct answer.

Question 3 of 4

Incorrect

Correct Answer: A

Your Answer: E

Time Spent: 1 sec

The ABPS Oral Examination has changed much over the years. In 2017, the Oral Examination was administered as a completely digital examination. Prior to that, candidates were required to bring records of their selected patient cases bound in “Blue Books.” Currently, the examination reviews five of the candidate’s cases. At its peak, the examination reviewed how many Oral Examination Case Books per candidate?

A. 6
B. 8
C. 10
D. 12
E. 14

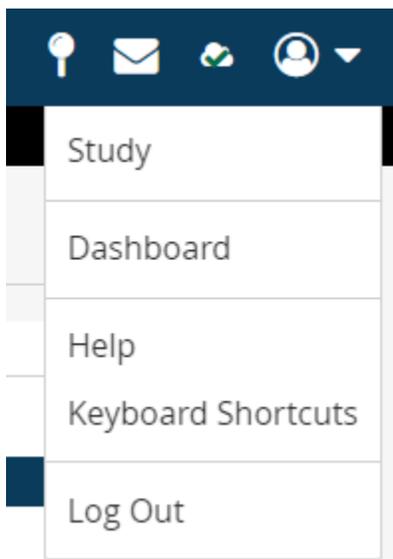
In 1970, the certifying examination was split into two sessions; part I, the written component, and part II, the oral. Candidates were required to submit 8 major cases for examination. In 1989, case collection was instituted requiring candidates to log all operative cases during a 12-month period. Additionally, the number of cases to be examined per candidate increased to 10 which were comprised of Board-selected cases and candidate-selected cases from the candidate’s 12-month case log. In 1997, this requirement decreased to a 7-month case collection period and 5 Board-selected cases for examination.

On this page, you can also bookmark the question or make notes to review later.

Those icons are circled in red above.

Navigation

The upper-right hand menu contains a “user” icon, which holds your navigation, shown below:



“Study” will bring you to the home page of this specific Self-Assessment.

“Dashboard” will bring you to the overall home page where you can view all modules or years to be completed.

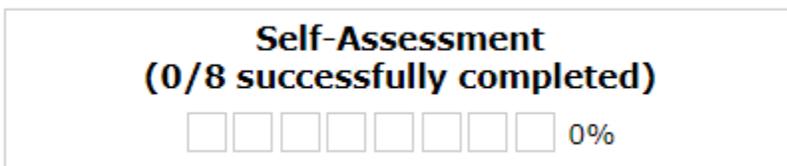
Help and **Keyboard Shortcuts** will provide further information of the technical aspects of the website, including many features that are not applicable to the ABPS assessment this year. If you require help, please contact the Board at staff@abplasticsurgery.org or 215-587-9322.

Results and Your ABPS Tracking Page

Your ABPS Tracking Page will be updated immediately upon completion of **both** assessment attempts. If you are catching up on more than one year’s assessment, you will see completion noted under each individual year.

Official results will be made available later this summer. Diplomates will receive an email notification when available on the ABPS Tracking Page. Content-based evaluation methods will be utilized by subject matter experts for each module of the assessments annually, determining the final passing score. Though the passing score is determined by the final response, the initial first responses will be analyzed to acknowledge and attempt to correct any knowledge gaps. The ABPS will share de-identified item analysis with specialty societies for the purpose of developing new educational material.

The count on the right-hand side (shown below) will be updated later in the summer when official results are available, and a result letter will be posted underneath this year’s activity.



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