



TIMELINE FOR 2023 GRADUATING PLASTIC SURGERY RESIDENTS

Written Examination – Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Computer Based Test at Prometric Test Centers in the United States and Canada

Mid-September 2022	Application available – notification will be sent by email
October 4, 2022	Application and fee due
December 31, 2022	Preliminary Sign Off – The Board will request Plastic Surgery Program Directors to complete online Residency Graduation Program Director Recommendation Forms for graduating residents
Mid-January 2023	Application Approval Letters posted and Registration Forms available (to register for the exam) - notification will be sent by email
February 2, 2023	Registration Forms and fee due
March 2023	Scheduling Permits will be posted on the Written Exam tab of the Board’s website - notification will be sent by email. Candidates schedule an appointment at a Prometric Test Center
May 9, 2023	Written Examination Computer Based Test at Prometric Test Centers located in the United States and Canada
July 1, 2023	Final Sign Off – The Board will request Plastic Surgery Program Directors to complete online Residency Graduation Program Director Confirmation Forms for graduating residents
July 2023	Written Examination Result Letters and Performance Reports will be posted on the Written Exam tab of the Board’s website - notification will be sent by email

Please note: Written Examination Result Letters and Performance Reports will not be provided if the Plastic Surgery Program Director does not provide a **Final Sign Off**

Written Examination Schedule

The Written Examination Computer Based Test consists of the following format:

- 15-minute practice exam (strongly recommended).
- The examination will be comprised of 250 scored items and 50 unscored items.
- The 50 unscored items will not be identifiable to the candidate. This pretesting allows the Board to analyze the psychometric properties of an item prior to it being included in scoring.
- All items are multiple-choice with single correct answer.
- The items are formatted in three blocks of 100 items.



- Each exam block is 100 minutes.
- Total break time is 60 minutes (optional).
- Total test appointment time is approximately 6.5 hours.
- There is a survey at the end of the examination. This survey does not interfere with the time allotted to take the examination (optional).

Within each block, candidates may answer questions in any order and review and/or change their answers. After exiting a block, or when time expires, no further review of questions or changing of answers within that block is possible.

Candidates will have 60 minutes of total break time, which may be used to make the transition between blocks and for a break. A break may only be taken between each block of questions. Candidates are encouraged to bring refreshments (to leave in the car or locker) as not every test center location has restaurants nearby.

The subjects covered in the examination are listed in the Booklet of Information. The examination covers the entire field of plastic surgery. The content outline and exam blueprint are enclosed and are posted on the Board's website <https://www.abplasticsurgery.org/candidates/examination-content/>.

Questions can be directed to written@abplasticsurgery.org.

TIMELINE FOR 2024 ORAL EXAMINATION CANDIDATES

Oral Examination - November 2024

July 2023	Instructions for Case Collection available for those successful on the Written Examination
July 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024	9-month Case Collection Period
April 2024	Case List with the other required documents and fee due
April 2024	Peer Evaluations sent online
July 2024	Board Selected Cases for the Case Report examinations and Registration Forms (to register for the exam) available
August 2024	Registration Forms, fee and other required documents due
August 2024	Case Report Documents Uploaded
November 2024	Oral Examination

Refer to the 2022-2023 ABPS Booklet of Information (BOI) for details regarding the current Oral Examination requirements <https://www.abplasticsurgery.org/about-us/policies/>. The 2023-2024 BOI, applicable to the November 2024 Oral Examination, will be published July 1, 2023. Questions can be directed to oral@abplasticsurgery.org.