



# AMERICAN BOARD of OBESITY MEDICINE



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## ABOM News: Announcing Updated Requirements for 2021 Exam

### **COVID-19 Prompts Changes for Upcoming Exam**

In response to COVID-19 concerns, the American Board of Obesity Medicine is adjusting its requirements for the 2021 test cycle to ensure that physicians may still apply to sit for the 2021 certification exam. For the 2021 test cycle only, any AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ offered by ABOM's Primary Obesity Medicine CME partners [Obesity Medicine Association, ObesityWeek® (The Obesity Society and ASMBS), Columbia/Weill Cornell Obesity Course, Harvard Blackburn Course in Obesity Medicine] will qualify for GROUP ONE credit, including all in-person AND online options.

Please note: This change is in effect for physicians applying to sit for the exam only in February 2021.

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## Revised Requirements for 2021 Exam Applicants

1. Applicants must complete 60 CME credits on the topic of obesity, including at least 30 GROUP ONE credits. For 2021 exam applicants, GROUP ONE credits include all in-person AND online AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ offered by ABOM's Primary Obesity Medicine CME partners:

- Obesity Medicine Association
- ObesityWeek® (The Obesity Society and ASMBS)
- Columbia/Weill Cornell Obesity Course
- Harvard Blackburn Course in Obesity Medicine

2. Applicants may complete up to 30 GROUP TWO CME credits.

- GROUP TWO credits include any AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ from sponsors other than those designated as ABOM's Primary Obesity Medicine CME partners. **GROUP TWO credits must include the word "obesity" in the course title.**

3. All CME must be completed by the application deadline.

4. All credit must be earned in the 36 months prior to the application deadline. For the 2021 exam, ABOM will accept CME credits earned after November 1, 2017.

5. All applicants must meet the minimum requirements:

- Proof of completion of a residency in the US or Canada
- Proof of an active, unrestricted medical license in the US or Canada
- Proof of an active certification in an ABMS board (Canadian physicians exempt)

#### KEY DATES

- Early application deadline: October 15, 2020 (\$1,500 fee)
- Final application deadline: November 15, 2020 (\$1,750 fee)
- Exam window: February 22-25, 2021

[Go to Application Portal](#)

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