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ABMS Member Boards'
Board Eligibility Periods and Transition Dates

ABMS Board	Board Eligible Period (+ practice requirement)[1]	Transition Date
American Board of Allergy and Immunology	5 years	1/1/2017
American Board of Anesthesiology	7 years	1/1/2019
American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery	7 years[2]	12/31/23[3]
American Board of Dermatology	5 years	12/31/2016
American Board of Emergency Medicine	5 years	12/31/2019
American Board of Family Medicine	7 years	1/1/2012
American Board of Internal Medicine	7 years	1/1/2019
American Board of Medical Genetics	7 years	1/1/2019
American Board of Neurological Surgery	5 years	12/31/2018
American Board of Nuclear Medicine	7 years	2006
American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology	7 (+ 1) years[1]	Not yet determined
American Board of Ophthalmology	7 years	1/1/2019
American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery	5 years[4]	7/1/1996
American Board of Otolaryngology	5 years	1/1/2019
American Board of Pathology	5 years	1/1/2019
American Board of Pediatrics	7 years	12/31/2013
American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	7 years	1/1/2019
American Board of Plastic Surgery	7 (+1) years[1]	1/1/2019
American Board of Preventive Medicine	7 years	1/1/2019
American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology	7 years	1/1/2019
American Board of Radiology	6 years	1/1/2017
American Board of Surgery	Not yet determined	Not yet determined
American Board of Thoracic Surgery	Not yet determined	Not yet determined
American Board of Urology	5 (+1 year, 4 months) years[1]	Summer, 1999

[1] Board Eligible period includes additional practice requirement

[2] Seven years to complete both written and oral examinations after application approved by ABCRS

[3] Candidates for certification by ABCRS must pass ABS written examination before being admitted to the ABCRS examination process

[4] After passing written examination

For ABMS' Board Eligibility policy, visit

http://www.abms.org/News_and_Events/downloads/ABMS_Board_eligibility_policy_sept_21_2011.pdf

For more information on a specific Board's policy, contact the respective Member Board

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