



Regaining Eligibility for Initial Certification

Candidates for ABMGG certification have six years of board eligibility from completion of their training to achieve certification. After six years, the candidate is no longer eligible for initial board certification.

To regain eligibility, the individual must complete a defined, supervised practice and assessment pathway. The Application to Regain Eligibility must be submitted for approval prior to beginning this pathway. The Application must be submitted within two years of expiration of initial board eligibility.

The requirements for the supervised practice assessment pathway include the following components:

1. Program Mentor/Director

Designate a program mentor/director:

- a. The mentor must be ABMGG-certified in the specialty of training, located in the U.S., and participating in continuing certification. They must have a minimum of four years of practice in their specialty and documented experience of mentorship of trainees/colleagues.
- b. The mentor may be the individual's prior program director.
- c. The mentor must submit a CV and letter describing the approved learning and practice plan and confirming that they agree to supervise the individual.
- d. The mentor must agree to meet with the individual a minimum of four times during supervised training duration and submit documentation of these meetings to the ABMGG.

2. Learning /Practice Plan

Minimum of 12 months and maximum of 24 months, which includes:

- a. Assessment of areas of weakness based on past In-Training and/or Certification Examinations
- b. On-line or in-person didactics in medical genetics and genomics focused in their specialty. Should include specifics regarding any formal courses (content, sponsor, number of hours)
- c. Sit for the In-Training Examination
- d. A minimum of 75 (100 for Laboratory Genetics and Genomics) supervised clinical cases in their specialty, real or simulated

3. Logbook

- a. Logbook must document all supervised clinical cases.
- b. Logbook must be submitted and reviewed by the mentor.
- c. Logbook should document experience across all current ABMGG logbook requirements but focus on areas of most need for individual.

All components of the additional, mentored training must be approved by the ABMGG prior to beginning the supervised program. After successful completion of the supervised mentorship, the individual will receive an additional four years of board eligibility. A maximum of two certification examination attempts are allowed during the four-year board eligibility period.

This extension of eligibility is granted only once in a candidate's career. If the candidate does not achieve certification within this four-year period, they will be required to complete an ACGME-accredited training program in their specialty in order to regain eligibility to the certification process.

Note: Candidates who have trained solely in clinical cytogenetics and genomics or clinical molecular genetics and genomics are not eligible under this policy.

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