



American Board of Vascular Medicine (ABVM) Certification Examinations

INFORMATION HANDBOOK

Application: April 1 – August 1, 2010
Scheduling: May 1 – September 23, 2010
Test Administration
September 10-25, 2010
General Exam

December 3-18, 2010
Endovascular Exam

Testing at over 200 Pearson® Testing Centers nationwide

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Introduction

Certification

During the week of September 10 - 25, 2010, ABVM is offering computer-based certification tests in the following area: Vascular Medicine (General Examination)

During the week of December 3-18, 2010, ABVM is offering computer-based certification tests in Endovascular Medicine (Endovascular Examination).

Eligibility Determination

Using the application available on www.vascularboard.org, apply for the examination(s) of interest and provide all requested documentation. Once you have received an email confirming your eligibility, please allow three (3) business days before trying to reserving your seat at a Pearson VUE Testing Center. Applications may take up to 6 weeks to review.

Scheduling

To schedule your seat, use the Pearson VUE reservation website (accessed from www.vascularboard.org) or Pearson's toll-free telephone reservations system (1-800-470-8761). If you are scheduling both the Vascular Medicine (General Examination) and Endovascular Medicine (Endovascular Examination), you must use the toll free number to schedule your exams. **Scheduling for the general vascular medicine exam will begin on May 1, 2010, and scheduling for the endovascular exam will begin on August 1, 2010.**

Test Centers

These tests can only be taken at a secure, proctored, computer-based testing center. This ensures the security and reliability of the ABVM tests. You cannot take these tests over the internet at home or in your office.

Recertification Process

Recertification will be required every ten years.

Privacy Policy

ABVM will not release test scores over the telephone. We also will not report your individual test scores to anyone else unless we receive a written request from you. ABVM reserves the right to confirm whether you do or do not hold ABVM certification and in which area(s).

ABVM Examinations

Examination Questions and Time Allowed

| Examination | Number of questions | Time allowed |
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| Vascular Medicine | 175 | 4 hours |
| Endovascular Medicine | 100 | 2 hours |

2010 Important Dates

The ABVM examinations are available from September 10 – 25, 2010 (general vascular medicine exam) and December 3-18, 2010 for the endovascular exam.

Scheduling online or by telephone begins May 1, 2010 for the general vascular medicine exam, and August 1, 2010 for the endovascular exam and remains open until 48 hours before the close of testing.

| ABVM Examination Important Dates | |
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| Applications | April 1 – August 1, 2010 |
| Scheduling | May 1 – September 23, 2010 |
| Testing | September 10 – September 25, 2010 December 3-18, 2010 |

Exam Eligibility and Scheduling

Eligibility Determination

You must first apply for eligibility determination for the test(s) you desire through the online application process at www.vascularboard.org. When you have been deemed eligible, you will receive an email providing scheduling instructions. You may not schedule a test until ABVM has informed Pearson that you are eligible to do so. The Review Committee may take up to 6 weeks to review your application.

Test Fees

ABVM charges a per-person application fee, plus a test fee for each examination requested. The fees are:

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| Application Fee | \$250 |
| Examination Fee (General) | \$850 |
| Examination Fee (Endovascular) | \$1250 |
| Both exams | \$2000 |

A \$50 reprocessing fee will be assessed on incomplete applications.

Refunds

Please note that the application fee of \$250 is non-refundable.

Examination fees are refundable only if the cancellation request is received in writing at least 30 days before the examination date. No refund can be made in the event of a later cancellation.

Scheduling

The Vascular Medicine (General Examination) and Endovascular Medicine (Endovascular Examination) are administered only through Pearson VUE test sites. Scheduling an exam can be done by phone or online. Please allow 3 business days from receipt of your eligibility confirmation email before trying to reserving your seat at a Pearson VUE test center.

To schedule your appointment for one of the two exams, you can use either the Pearson VUE reservation website (accessed from www.vascularboard.org) or phone (1-800-470-8761).

Select a testing site and schedule a test date online, through the “Schedule” link on www.vascularboard.org.

OR

Call 1-800-470-8761 to schedule a test date and location. Call Monday through Friday between 8am and 11pm ET, on Saturday from 8am to 5pm ET, and on Sunday from 10am to 4pm ET.

Test Center Availability

Testing times and dates are subject to the schedule and space available at each particular test center. Some test centers are not open every day. Call early in the registration period to have the best choice of dates, times and locations.

Appointment Length

The testing time allotted for each test varies. (See the table on page 3 for specific details.)

Plan to arrive at the testing center 30 minutes before your scheduled testing time to allow time for check-in. If you do not appear at the test site, appointments will be cancelled thirty minutes after the scheduled time and all fees forfeited.

E-mail Confirmation

Immediately after you schedule, you will receive an e-mail confirming your choice of test, the date and time of your testing appointment, and the location of the test center. **You should print a copy of the e-mail for your records. You are responsible for knowing the correct date, time, and location of your test.**

Rescheduling

If you cannot keep your test appointment and wish to reschedule, you should call the Pearson registration office at 1-800-470-8761. The hours are 8am to 11pm ET Monday through Friday, Saturday from 8am to 5pm ET, and Sunday from 10am to 4pm ET. To increase your probability of finding another open test slot at your preferred location, please reschedule as soon as possible. Even if it is too late to reschedule, as a courtesy, please notify Pearson if you will be unable to test.

Severe Weather

For test center closings due to inclement weather, please call 1-800-274-2615 for daily updates.

Test Center Interruptions

If a power failure, technical problem, or any other sort of interruption occurs during your test, you will be asked to wait for the problem to be corrected. You will be able to resume your test where you stopped, with no reduction in the testing time.

Preparing to Test

How Should I Prepare?

A formal review course given by the Society for Vascular Medicine is planned for May 1-2, 2010, which will provide the comprehensive background for the General and Endovascular Examinations.

Examination Content

The **General Examination** content is listed below with the approximate proportion of questions to be given in each area.

| General Examination Content Outline | |
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| Peripheral arterial disease | 14% |
| Aortic disease | 12% |
| Venous disease | 12% |
| Vasculitis & connective tissue diseases | 10% |
| Vascular laboratory | 9% |
| Cerebrovascular disease | 7% |
| Risk factors and prevention | 7% |
| Visceral artery disease | 6% |
| Vasospastic & thermal disease | 4% |
| Leg ulcers | 4% |
| Management of vascular surgery | 4% |
| Vascular biology | 4% |
| Thrombosis | 2% |
| Lymphatic diseases | 2% |
| Congenital vascular anomalies | 2% |
| Neurovascular compression syndromes | 2% |

The **Endovascular Examination** content is listed below with the approximate proportion of questions to be given in each area.

| Endovascular Examination Content Outline | |
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| Treatment and Intervention | 30% |
| Case studies | 30% |
| Diagnostic Studies | 12% |
| Patient Care | 8% |
| Protocols | 7% |
| Anatomy and Physiology | 7% |
| Pathology | 4% |
| Other | 2% |

Computer-Based Test Centers

Pearson VUE Test Centers

All ABVM computer-based tests are administered at authorized Pearson testing sites.

The following sites will offer ABVM computer-based testing (as of March 2010, please check online for the most current list). Not all test centers are open every day.

Alabama

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| Birmingham Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Birmingham |
| Decatur Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Decatur |
| Mobile Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Mobile |
| Montgomery Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Montgomery |
| Dothan Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Dothan |

Alaska

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| Anchorage Pearson Vue Test Center | Anchorage |
| North Star Computing, Inc. | Fairbanks |
| Juneau - DataBank Computer Services | Juneau |

Arizona

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| Mesa Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Mesa |
| Tucson Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Tucson |
| Phoenix Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Phoenix |

Arkansas

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| Fort Smith Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Fort Smith |
| Little Rock Pearson Vue Test Center | Little Rock |
| Springdale Pearson Vue Test Center | Springdale |
| Texarkana College | Texarkana |

California

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| Anaheim Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Anaheim |
| Gardena Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Gardena |
| Pasadena Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Pasadena |
| Sacramento Pearson Vue Test Ctr. | Sacramento |
| Fresno Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Fresno |
| San Diego Pearson Vue Test Center | San Diego |
| Oakland Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Oakland |
| San Dimas Pearson Vue Test Ctr. | San Dimas |

Colorado

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| Colorado Springs Pearson Vue Test Center | Colorado Springs |
| Grand Junction Pearson Vue Test Center | Grand Junction |
| Denver Pearson Vue Test Center | Village Greenwood |
| Pueblo Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Pueblo |
| Bayfield Testing Center | Bayfield |
| Wheat Ridge Pearson Vue Test Ctr. | Wheat Ridge |
| Greeley Pearson Vue Test Center | Greeley |

Connecticut

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| Wallingford Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Wallingford |
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Delaware

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| Dover Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Dover |
| Newark Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Newark |

Florida

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| Orlando Pearson Vue Test Center | Orlando |
| Boynton Beach Pearson Vue Test Center | Boynton Beach |
| Oakland Park Pearson Vue Test Center | Oakland Park |
| Ft. Myers Pearson Vue Test Center | Fort Myers |
| Gainesville Pearson Vue Test Center | Gainesville |
| Jacksonville Pearson Vue Test Center | Jacksonville |
| Miami Pearson Vue Test Center | Miami |
| Pensacola Pearson Vue Test Center | Pensacola |
| Tallahassee Pearson Vue Test Center | Tallahassee |
| Tampa Pearson Vue Test Center | Tampa |
| Hollywood Pearson Vue Test Center | Hollywood |
| St Petersburg Pearson Vue Test Center | St Petersburg |
| Coral Gables Pearson Vue Test Center | Coral Gables |
| Ormond Beach Pearson Vue Test Center | Ormond Beach |
| Lake Mary Pearson Vue Test Center | Lake Mary |
| Doral Pearson Vue Test Center | Doral |
| Melbourne Pearson Vue Test Center | Melbourne |
| Sarasota Pearson Vue Test Center | Sarasota |
| Ft Lauderdale II Pearson Vue Test Center | Ft Lauderdale |
| Lakeland Pearson Vue Test Center | Lakeland |
| Ft Myers II Pearson Vue Test Center | Ft Myers II |

Georgia

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| Atlanta S Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Atlanta S |
| Macon Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Macon |
| Savannah Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Savannah |
| Augusta Pearson Vue Test Center | Augusta |
| Albany Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Albany |
| Marietta North Pearson Vue Test Center | Marietta North |

Hawaii

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| Parker School | Kamuela |
| Honolulu Pearson Vue Test Center | Honolulu |
| Computer Hospital | Lihue (Kauai) |
| Maui Family Footcare | Kahului (Maui) |

Idaho

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| Boise Pearson Vue Test Center | Boise |
| Nexus Worldwide Computer Training | Coeur d'Alene |

Idaho, continued

Pocatello Pearson Vue Test Center Pocatello

IllinoisSpringfield Pearson Prof. Ctr. Springfield
Schaumburg Pearson Vue Test Ctr Schaumburg
Chicago Pearson Vue Test Center Chicago
Oak Brook Pearson Vue Test Center Oak Brook
Black Hawk College East Moline
Marion Pearson Prof. Ctr. Marion**Indiana**Fort Wayne Pearson Prof. Ctr. Fort Wayne
Terre Haute Pearson Prof. Ctr. Terre Haute
Merrillville Pearson Prof. Ctr. Merrillville
Evansville Pearson Prof. Ctr. Evansville
Indianapolis Pearson Vue Test Center Indianapolis**Iowa**Davenport Pearson Prof. Ctr. Davenport
Sioux City Pearson Prof. Ctr. Sioux City
West Des Moines Pearson Prof. Ctr. Moines**Kansas**Overland Park Pearson Vue Test Center Overland Park
Wichita Pearson Prof. Ctr. Wichita
Topeka Pearson Prof. Ctr. Topeka
Hays Pearson Prof. Ctr. Hays**Kentucky**Lexington Pearson Prof. Ctr. Lexington
Louisville Pearson Prof. Ctr. Louisville**Louisiana**Metairie Pearson Prof. Ctr. Metairie
Baton Rouge Pearson Prof. Ctr. Baton Rouge
Shreveport Pearson Prof. Ctr. Shreveport**Maine**Bangor Pearson Prof. Ctr. Bangor
Westbrook Pearson Prof. Ctr. Westbrook**Maryland**Baltimore Pearson Prof. Ctr. Baltimore
Salisbury Pearson Prof. Ctr. Salisbury
Allegany College of MD Cumberland**Massachusetts**Worcester Pearson Vue Test Center Worcester
Boston Pearson Vue Test Center Boston
Woburn Pearson Vue Test Center Woburn
Springfield Pearson Prof. Ctr. Springfield
Dartmouth Pearson Vue Test Center N. Dartmouth**Michigan**Southfield Pearson Prof. Ctr. Southfield
Lansing Pearson Prof. Ctr. Lansing
Grand Rapids Pearson Prof. Ctr. Grand Rapids
Marquette Computer Lab Marquette**Minnesota**Rochester PPC Rochester
Willmar Pearson Vue Test Ctr. Willmar**Minnesota, continued**Hermantown/Duluth PPC Hermantown/
Duluth
Edina Pearson Vue Test Center Edina**Mississippi**

Jackson Pearson Prof. Ctr. Jackson

MissouriSpringfield Pearson Prof. Ctr. Springfield
Columbia Pearson Prof. Ctr. Columbia
St. Ann Pearson Vue Test Center St. Ann**Montana**Helena Pearson Prof. Ctr. Helena
Billings Pearson Vue Test Center Billings
University of Montana Missoula**Nebraska**

Omaha Pearson Prof. Ctr. Omaha

NevadaLas Vegas Pearson Vue Test Center Las Vegas
Reno Pearson Vue Test Center Reno**New Hampshire**

Concord Pearson Prof. Ctr. Concord

New JerseyEdison Pearson Vue Test Center Edison
Mt Laurel Pearson Vue Test Center Mount Laurel
Cedar Knolls Pearson Vue Test Center Cedar Knolls
Northfield Pearson Vue Test Center Northfield
Toms River Pearson Vue Test Toms River
Hamilton Township Pearson Vue Test Hamilton
Center Township
Fairfield Pearson Vue Test Center Fairfield**New Mexico**

Albuquerque Pearson Vue Test Ctr. Albuquerque

New YorkAlbany Pearson Prof. Ctr. Albany
Utica Pearson Prof. Ctr. Utica
New York Pearson Prof. Ctr. New York
Rochester Pearson Prof. Ctr. Rochester
New York Pearson Prof. Ctr. New York
Islandia Pearson Prof. Ctr. Islandia
Watertown Pearson Prof. Ctr. Watertown
Williamsville/
Buffalo
East Syracuse Pearson Prof. Ctr. East Syracuse**North Carolina**Wilmington Pearson Prof. Ctr. Wilmington
Raleigh Pearson Vue Test Center Raleigh
Statesville Pearson Vue Test Center Statesville
Huntersville Pearson Vue Test Center
Huntersville
Asheville Pearson Prof. Ctr. Asheville
Greenville Pearson Prof. Ctr. Greenville**North Dakota**West Fargo/Moorhead PPC West Fargo
Bismarck Pearson Prof. Ctr. Bismarck

Ohio

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| Bath Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Bath/Akron |
| Westlake Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Westlake |
| Dayton Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Dayton |

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| Maumee/Toledo Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Toledo |
| Gahanna Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Gahanna/ |
| Cincinnati Pearson Vue Test Center | Columbus |
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Oklahoma

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| Oklahoma City Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Oklahoma City |
| Tulsa Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Tulsa |

Oregon

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| Salem Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Salem |
| Medford Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Medford |
| Beaverton Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Beaverton |

Pennsylvania

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| Pittsburgh West Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Pittsburgh |
| Allentown Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Allentown |
| Erie Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Erie |
| Harrisburg Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Harrisburg |
| Scranton Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Scranton |
| Bala Cynwyd Pearson Vue Test Ctr. | Bala Cynwyd |

Puerto Rico

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| San Juan Pearson Prof. Ctr. | San Juan |
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Rhode Island

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| Providence Pearson Vue Test Center | East Providence |
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South Carolina

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| N. Charleston Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Charleston |
| Columbia Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Columbia |
| Greenville Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Greenville |

South Dakota

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| Sioux Falls Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Sioux Falls |
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| Nashville Pearson Vue Test Center | Nashville |
| Knoxville Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Knoxville |
| Memphis Pearson Vue Test Center | Memphis |
| Johnson City Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Johnson City |
| Jackson Pearson Vue Test Center | Jackson |
| Chattanooga Pearson Vue Test Center | Chattanooga |

Texas

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| El Paso Pearson Prof. Ctr. | El Paso |
| Hurst Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Hurst |
| Amarillo Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Amarillo |
| Tyler Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Tyler |
| Austin Pearson Vue Test Center | Austin |
| Houston Pearson Vue Test Center | Houston |
| San Antonio Pearson Prof. Ctr. | San Antonio |
| Abilene Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Abilene |
| Corpus Christi Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Corpus Christi |
| Waco Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Waco |
| Dallas Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Dallas |
| Midland Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Midland |

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| TX State Tech College - Harlingen | McAllen / Harlingen |
| Lubbock Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Lubbock |
| Lamar Institute of Tech | Beaumont |

Utah

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| Ogden Pearson Vue Test Center | Ogden |
| Orem/Provo Pearson Vue Test Ctr. | Provo |
| Midvale Pearson Vue Test Center | Midvale |

Vermont

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| South Burlington Pearson Prof. Ctr. | S Burlington |
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Virginia

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| Cross Data, Inc | Norfolk |
| Roanoke Pearson Professional Centers | Roanoke |
| Richmond Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Richmond |
| Lynchburg Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Lynchburg |

Washington

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| Wenatchee Valley College | Wenatchee |
| Lacey Pearson Vue Test Center | Lacey |
| Kennewick Pearson Vue Test Center | Kennewick |
| Tukwila Pearson Vue Test Center | Tukwila/Seattle |
| Spokane Pearson Vue Test Center | Spokane |
| Vancouver Pearson Vue Test Center | Vancouver |
| Yakima Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Yakima |
| Everett Pearson Vue Test Center | Everett |

West Virginia

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| Charleston Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Charleston |
| Morgantown Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Morgantown |
| Zaferatos Real Estate School | Beckley |

Wisconsin

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| Elm Grove Pearson Vue Test Center | Elm Grove |
| Madison Pearson Vue Test Center | Madison |
| Green Bay Pearson Vue Test Center | Green Bay |
| Eau Claire Pearson Vue Test Center | Eau Claire |
| Wausau Pearson Vue Test Center | Wausau |

Wyoming

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| Casper Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Casper |
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Canada

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| Vancouver Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Vancouver, BC |
| Montreal Polar Bear | Montreal, QC |
| Ottawa Polar Bear Center | Ottawa, ON |
| Winnipeg Polar Bear - Nexient Learning Inc | Winnipeg, MB |
| Toronto Pearson Prof. Ctr. | Toronto |

This list is subject to modification. Please check the Pearson test-center locator to confirm current availability.

At the Test Center

Check-in Time

Your confirmation e-mail from Pearson includes the location of the test center, including the building name and room number. Please leave for the test center early enough to allow for traffic delays and parking. Park only in the designated areas. It is very important that you report to the test center promptly, (it is even better if you are early), as your computer is only reserved for you for a specific period of time.

When you check in, you will be asked to read and sign a consent form, stating that you agree to follow the standard Pearson testing regulations. You will not be allowed to test if you do not sign the consent form.

Late Arrivals

If you are more than 30 minutes late for your appointment, you will not be allowed to test. **If you are unable to test because you miss, or are late to your appointment, you will forfeit all fees.**

Photo ID Requirement

A current, valid (unexpired) government-issued ID with photo and another, signed form of identification is required for admission to the test. If you have had a recent name change (due to marriage, divorce, etc.) you must also provide an official legal document (marriage license or court order) to verify the change. Please note: **you must use the name on the government-issued ID on your application to ABVM.** If the names do not match exactly, you will be unable to take the exam and will forfeit your fees.

What You Should NOT Bring

You should not bring anything to the test center other than your identification and printed confirmation email.

- **NO cellular phones, hand-held computers/personal digital assistants (PDAs) or other electronic devices, pagers, watches, wallets, purses, firearms or other weapons, hats, bags, coats, books, and/or notes, pens or pencils are allowed in the testing room.** Lockers are provided to store these items.
- Guests, visitors, and family members are not allowed in the testing room or reception area.
- Food and drinks are not allowed in the testing room.
- You may not bring any aids, manuals, books, or notes into the testing room.
- No valuables, backpacks, briefcase, large purses, or other miscellaneous items should be brought to the test center. **ABVM and the Pearson Test Centers are not responsible for items left in the reception area.**

Taking the Test

Before you begin testing, you are asked to agree to maintain the confidentiality of the ABVM test questions, and to affirm your identity and the test you are taking. If you do not agree to these terms, the test will automatically be terminated, you will receive a score of zero on the test, and you will forfeit all fees for that test.

Each test session begins with a short tutorial that explains how to move forward and backward through the test, answer test questions, and flag questions for later review. You may skip questions, flag them, and return to them at any time. During the test, you can change your answer to any question at any time. The testing clock does not start until you begin the actual test.

A clock indicating the time remaining is shown in the corner of the screen, but it can be hidden from view if you find it distracting. Before you exit the test, you will be reminded to review the questions, including any that you have marked for review or left unanswered. Once you exit the test you may not return to it.

Your test score is based solely on the total number of correct answers you give, and there is no penalty for wrong answers. Therefore, it is to your advantage to answer every question.

Breaks

The ABVM examinations do not include scheduled breaks. If you need to take a short break from the exam, you may do so, but the exam clock will continue to run. You will be asked to sign in/out from the testing room and **you may not leave the test center.**

Score Reports

You will receive an email with a link on how to view your score report(s) online. **You will need your ABVM identification number that you were sent by e-mail confirming your eligibility. This is the number that you used to register for the exam. It begins with ABVM and contains five digits. You will not be able to retrieve your scores without it.** As soon as ABVM receives the score reports from the testing company, they will be made available to you. **It is important to be sure that the e-mail address that you have provided on your application is correct, otherwise ABVM and the testing company will not be able to contact you.**

Please note that this score report includes **only** your number score and whether or not you have passed/failed. A more complete report will follow and will be sent to you by US mail no later than December 31st if you sat for the general vascular medicine exam. Test takers sitting for the endovascular exam in December will receive their formal score reports/certificates when they become available. That report contains what the passing score is for the exam, what categories you were deficient in, etc. You will, however, also receive a link to view your score online when it becomes available to ABVM from the testing company. If you have passed the exam, certificates will be mailed along with the score reports. **Do not call the ABVM office with questions regarding your score(s) as the more formal reports do not become available to ABVM from the testing company until weeks after the online posting.**

Providing Feedback

At the end of your test appointment, you will be asked to complete a short computerized survey to tell ABVM about your experience with various aspects of the test.

Americans with Disabilities Act

Individuals who have been professionally diagnosed with a physical or mental impairment as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act may request assistance when taking the tests. ABVM and the Pearson VUE Testing Centers will make a reasonable effort to accommodate your request.

To request special arrangements contact:

Micheline Watt, Administrative Director
American Board of Vascular Medicine
446 North Street
Chagrin Falls, OH 44022
Phone: 440-247-4015
Fax: 440-247-6376
Email: wattm1@sbcglobal.net

All requests for testing assistance must be approved by ABVM in advance of scheduling. No requests for assistance made at the testing center on the day of the test will be accepted.

Frequently Asked Questions

How does the process work?

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| Application period: | April 1 – August 1, 2010 |
| Scheduling period | May 1 – September 23, 2010, August 1-December 16, 2010 |
| Testing period: | September 10 – September 25, 2010, December 3-18, 2010 |

To schedule, call toll-free: 1-800-470-8761

After being deemed eligible, you will be able to schedule your testing date and time, subject to availability. You must schedule at least two business days in advance. You will receive an appointment confirmation via e-mail.

Go to the test center at your appointed time and present your government-issued photo ID and another signed proof of identity. You will be seated, given a brief tutorial to acquaint you with the computer-delivered test, and then be able to take the certification test(s). After you complete your test(s), you will be asked to respond to a short survey about the examination experience.

When will I receive my test results?

As soon as the scores are available, you will receive an email with a link on how to view your score report(s) online. ABVM will send you the official score report and/or certificate by mail as soon as they become available. The general exam and endovascular exam are being given at different times (September and December). If you sat for the general exam in September, it is likely that you will receive your formal score report/certificate by December 31, 2010. It is not certain when the test takers sitting in December for the endovascular exam will receive formal score reports/certificates by mail. When they become available, they will be mailed to you.

Can I take the ABVM tests online, over the Internet, from my home computer?

No. The centralized test centers have been selected to present a cost-effective, reliable, secure, and proctored environment best suited to maintain the integrity of the ABVM credential. Testing over the Internet presents numerous test security and operational issues that cannot be addressed, such as verifying the identity of the individual taking the test or maintaining the communications connection throughout the session.

Can I take both tests on the same day?

No. The dates to sit for the general exam are September 10-25, 2010, and the dates to sit for the endovascular exam are December 3-18, 2010.

Where are the test centers?

There are over 200 test centers throughout the U.S. See pages 6-8 of this handbook for a list of test centers. Once you schedule, you will receive a confirmation e-mail, which will include the exact location of the test center, including the building name, room number, and driving directions.

How much does the ABVM examination cost?

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| Application Fee | \$250 |
| Examination Fee (General) | \$850 |
| Examination Fee (Endovascular) | \$1250 |
| To sit for both exams | \$2000 |