

ABOS Residency to Retirement Roadmap

This infographic guides you through 3 stages of your orthopaedic surgery career.

Initial Board Certification Timeline (with Fellowship)

Initial Board Certification Timeline

- Part I Exam
- Fellowship
- Practice
- Part II Exam

August 1st - October 1st
Part I Application is open

Schedule Exam & Receive Permit for Part I

GRADUATE (by June 30th)

JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN

PGY-5

PART I EXAMINATION

Start of Practice

Fellowships of 6 months or more – usually 1 year

JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN

Fellowship Year

By November 1st, you must start practice, have hospital privileges, and remain at that practice and location through March 31st two calendar years later.

April 1st - September 30th
Part II Application & Case List Collection begins

November 1st - March 31st
17 consecutive months of practice in one location

JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN

Year One in Practice

April 1st - September 30th
Part II Application & Case List Collection begins

November 1st
Part II Application and Case List Deadline

Credentials Letter with 12 cases identified

November 1st - March 31st
17 consecutive months of practice in one location

May - June
Upload images and documents for 12 selected cases

JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN

Year Two in Practice

PART II EXAMINATION

PART II EXAMINATION RESULTS

JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN

Year Three in Practice

ABOS Residency to Retirement Roadmap

This infographic guides you through 3 stages of your orthopaedic surgery career.

Initial Board Certification Timeline (with Fellowship)

Initial Board Certification Timeline

● Part I Exam
● Practice ● Part II Exam

August 1st - October 1st
Part I Application is open

Schedule Exam & Receive Permit for Part I

GRADUATE (by June 30th)

JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN

PGY-5

PART I EXAMINATION

Start of Practice

By November 1st, you must start practice, have hospital privileges, and remain at that practice and location through March 31st two calendar years later.

November 1st - March 31st
17 consecutive months of practice in one location

April - September 30th
Part II Application & Case List Collection begins

JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN

Year One in Practice

April - September 30th
Part II Application & Case List Collection begins

November 1st
Electronic Application & Case List Due

November 1st - March 31st
17 consecutive months of practice in one location

Credentials Letter with 12 cases identified

May - June
Upload images and documents for 12 selected cases

JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN

Year Two in Practice

PART II EXAMINATION

PART II EXAMINATION RESULTS

JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN

Year Three in Practice