

CERTIFICATION EXAMINATIONS IN
**LIMB PRESERVATION
AND SALVAGE**

{ HANDBOOK FOR CANDIDATES }

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MISSION STATEMENT

We exist to protect and improve the podiatric health and welfare of the public.

AMERICAN BOARD OF MULTIPLE SPECIALTIES IN PODIATRY

The American Board of Multiple Specialties in Podiatry (the Board) was incorporated in 1986 to promote certification among podiatrists. In 2013, the ABMSP certification examination received accreditation by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) by meeting the international standards for accreditation program as set forth in ANSI/ISO/IEC/17024:2003. In 2012 ABMSP was accredited by URAC (Utilization Review Accreditation Council).

PURPOSE STATEMENT

The specific and primary purpose of the American Board of Multiple Specialties in Podiatry is: (i) to develop and implement national and international standards for and to administer examinations for certification in (a) primary care in podiatric medicine; (b) foot and ankle surgery; (c) prevention and treatment of diabetic foot wounds and diabetic footwear; and (d) limb preservation and salvage; (ii) to grant recognition to individuals who meet the standards; (iii) to monitor the adherence to the standards by podiatrists certified by the corporation; and (iv) to maintain a registry of podiatrists certified by the corporation.

American Board of Multiple Specialties in Podiatry Certification Examinations

- ◆ Primary Care in Podiatric Medicine
- ◆ Foot and Ankle Surgery
- ◆ Prevention and Treatment of Diabetic Foot Wounds and Diabetic Footwear
- ◆ Limb Preservation and Salvage

STATEMENT OF IMPARTIALITY

The ABMSP understands the importance of maintaining impartiality in all of its decision making and certification activities. The ABMSP Board of Directors is responsible for ensuring that the organization carries out its activities in an impartial manner, managing real or perceived conflicts of interest, and insuring objectivity in its decision making process.

THE ROLE OF CERTIFICATION

Certification is a voluntary process in which individuals are recognized for advanced knowledge, competence, and skill. Certification requires assessment, testing, and evaluation of education and/or experience. Certification by the American Board of Multiple Specialties in Podiatry is sought voluntarily by podiatrists in order to attain a credential which attests to their training and experience as providers of services to persons who suffer from diseases and deformities of the foot.

OBJECTIVES OF CERTIFICATION

To establish competency in podiatric medicine, foot and ankle surgery, diabetic foot wounds and footwear, and limb preservation and salvage by:

1. Providing a standard of requisite knowledge for certification in podiatric medicine, foot and ankle surgery, diabetic foot wounds and footwear, and limb preservation and salvage.
2. Recognizing formally those individuals who meet the eligibility requirements of the American Board of Multiple Specialties in Podiatry and pass examinations in specialties within the field of podiatry.
3. Encouraging continued professional growth in podiatric medicine, foot and ankle surgery, diabetic foot wounds and footwear, and limb preservation and salvage.
4. Establishing and measuring the level of knowledge required for certification in specialties within the field of podiatry.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Licensed as an DPM, MD, DO or equivalent in other countries **(must submit copy of license and degree)**
2. Hold current board certification by a recognized certification board by the respective profession **(must submit copy of certificate)**
3. Conduct a search of the National Practitioners Database and submit a copy of your record (<http://www.npdb-hipdb.hrsa.gov/>)
4. Submit application, consent form, copy of the front of your current driver's license or other government photo identification, and fee. * Recommended two (2) years experience in the limb salvage clinical setting

APPEALS ON ELIGIBILITY

Candidates who have been deemed ineligible to sit for an examination may appeal in writing to the American Board of Multiple Specialties in Podiatry. The letter must be accompanied by supporting documents. The appeal must be received within 10 days after the notice of ineligibility is sent to the candidate. The American Board of Multiple Specialties in Podiatry will review the appeal and notify the candidate in writing of its decision within 10 days of receipt of the written appeal.

ADMINISTRATION

The Certification Program is sponsored by the American Board of Multiple Specialties in Podiatry (the Board). The examination is psychometrically developed and independently administered for the Board by the Professional Testing Corporation (PTC), 1350 Broadway, Suite 800, New York, New York 10018, (212) 356-0660, www.ptcny.com.

Questions concerning eligibility for the examination should be directed to the Board at (888) 852-1442. Questions concerning admission to the examination and test sites should be directed to PTC at (212) 356-0660.

The American Board of Multiple Specialties in Podiatry name, logo, certificates, cards, and abbreviations are the exclusive property of the Board. Use of these and all Board materials in any manner not permitted by the Board's Code of Professional Practice, and any use by non-Board certificants, is not authorized and is prohibited by law.

NON-DISCRIMINATION

The American Board of Multiple Specialties in Podiatry does not discriminate against any individual on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, disability or any other characteristic protected by law.

ATTAINMENT OF CERTIFICATION AND RECERTIFICATION

Candidates who pass the Certification Examination in Limb Preservation and Salvage and who adhere to the Board's Code of Professional Practice are eligible to indicate Board Certified, Limb Preservation and Salvage and will receive certificates from the American Board of Multiple Specialties in Podiatry. A registry of those certified in limb preservation and salvage will be maintained by the Board and may be reported in its publications.

Certification is valid for a period of four (4) years at which time the candidate must submit a completed application for recertification, other material as might be required, and be in compliance with all Board requirements.

REVOCAION OF CERTIFICATION

Individuals who fail to meet the requirements set forth in the Board's Code of Professional Practice may have their Certification revoked.

APPLICATIONS

Additional handbooks and applications for the Certification Examination in Limb Preservation and Salvage may be obtained from the Professional Testing Corporation, 1350 Broadway, Suite 800, New York, NY 10018, (212) 356-0660, www.ptcny.com or from the ABMSP website, www.abmsp.org, Under Handbook and Links.

COMPLETION OF APPLICATION

Complete or fill in as appropriate ALL information requested on the application. Mark only one response unless otherwise indicated.

NOTE: The name you enter on your Application must match exactly the name listed on your current government-issued photo ID such as driver's license or passport.

CANDIDATE INFORMATION: Print your name, address, e-mail address, daytime phone number, and fax number in the appropriate row of empty boxes. Also, indicate your choice of testing period.

ELIGIBILITY AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION: All questions must be answered. Mark only one response unless otherwise indicated.

OPTIONAL INFORMATION: These questions are optional. The information requested is to assist in complying with equal opportunity guidelines and will be used only in statistical summaries. Such information will in no way affect your test results.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Complete the Medical/Podiatric Education History, Resident Information, and Professional Work Experience sections in full.

CANDIDATE SIGNATURE: When you have completed all required information, sign and date the application in the space provided.

Mail the application with the consent form and the appropriate documentation and fee (see FEES on page 4) in time to be received by the deadline to:

**Limb Preservation and Salvage Examination
Professional Testing Corporation
1350 Broadway, Suite 800
New York, NY 10018**

APPLICATION CHECKLIST: Candidates MUST include the following:

- Completed and signed application
- Copy of current DPM, MD, or DO license
- Copy of DPM, MD, or DO degree
- Copy of certificate for board certification
- Copy of a current driver's license or other government photo ID
- Copy of National Practitioners Database record
- Completed consent form
- Examination fee

NOTE: Applications will be returned if not submitted with the required documentation.

FEES

Application fee:\$495.00

MAKE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO:

PROFESSIONAL TESTING CORPORATION

Visa, MasterCard, and American Express are also accepted. Complete and sign the credit card payment form on the Application.

DO NOT SEND CASH.

REFUNDS

There will be NO refund of fees. Candidates unable to take the examination as scheduled may request a transfer to the next testing period if the request is submitted with the transfer fee of \$245 and received within thirty (30) days after the testing period ends. **Exams may only be transferred once, please plan carefully.**

VETERANS REIMBURSEMENT OF FEE

The Board's certification examinations have been recognized by the VA as approved for reimbursement. If you are a veteran eligible for benefits under the Montgomery G.I. Bill, you may be eligible for reimbursement for your testing fees for the certification examinations offered by the American Board of Multiple Specialties in Podiatry. To apply for benefits, send a copy of your test results to the VA office that handles your educational benefits, along with a letter including the following information:

1. Your request for reimbursement.
2. Your name and Social Security number or VA claim number.
3. The name of the test and the date when you took the examination.
4. The name and address of the organization issuing the certificate (The American Board of Multiple Specialties in Podiatry, 555 8th Avenue, Suite 1902, New York, New York 10018.)
5. The cost of the examination, not including registration fees or other fees. (The cost of the Certification Examination in Limb Preservation and Salvage is \$495.00.)
6. The statement: "I authorize release of my test information to the VA."

If you have never previously filed a claim for VA educational benefits under the Montgomery G.I. Bill, you must also submit an application for benefits.

For additional information, please contact the Department of Veterans Affairs ("VA") at 1-888-GIBILL-1 (1 -888-442-4551) or consult the VA website at www.gibill.va.gov.

EXAMINATION ADMINISTRATION

The Certification Examination in Limb Preservation and Salvage is administered during an established two-week testing period on a daily basis, Monday through Saturday, excluding holidays, at computer-based testing facilities managed by PSI Computer Testing, Inc. PSI has several hundred testing sites in the United States, as well as Canada. Scheduling is done on a first-come, first-serve basis. To find a testing center near you visit: <http://www.ptcny.com/cbt/sites.htm> or call PSI at (800)733-9267. Please note: Hours and days of availability vary at different centers. ***You will not be able to schedule your examination appointment until you have received a Scheduling Authorization from PTC.***

TESTING SOFTWARE TUTORIAL

A Testing Software Tutorial can be viewed online. Go to: <http://www.ptcny.com/cbt/demo.htm>. This online Tutorial can give you an idea about the features of the testing software.

SCHEDULING YOUR EXAMINATION APPOINTMENT

Once your Application has been received and processed, and your eligibility verified, you will be sent a Scheduling Authorization within 6 weeks preceding the start of the testing period. The Scheduling Authorization will indicate how to schedule your examination appointment as well as the dates in which testing is available. Appointment times are first-come, first-serve, so schedule your appointment as soon as you receive your Scheduling Authorization in order to maximize your chance of testing at your preferred location and on your preferred date. A candidate not receiving a Scheduling Authorization at least three weeks before the beginning of the testing period should contact the Professional Testing Corporation by telephone at (212) 356-0660.

You MUST present your current driver's license, passport, or U.S. military ID at the test center. Temporary, paper driver's licenses are not accepted. The name on your Scheduling Authorization must exactly match the name on your photo I.D. PTC recommends candidates bring a paper copy of their Scheduling Authorization and PSI appointment confirmation as well.

- **It is your responsibility to call PSI to schedule the examination appointment.**
- **It is highly recommended that you become familiar with the testing site.**
- **Arrival at the testing site at the appointed time is the responsibility of the candidate. Please plan for weather, traffic, parking, and any security requirements that are specific to the testing location. Late arrival may prevent you from testing.**

SPECIAL NEEDS

ABMSP and PTC support the intent of and comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). PTC will take steps reasonably necessary to make certification accessible to persons with disabilities covered under the ADA. Special testing arrangements may be made upon receipt of the Application, examination fee, and a completed and signed Request for Special Needs Accommodations Form, available from www.ptcnyc.com or by calling PTC at (212) 356-0660. This Form must be uploaded with the online application at least EIGHT weeks before the testing period begins. Please use this Form if you need to bring a service dog, medicine, food or beverages needed for a medical condition with you to the testing center.

Only those requests made and received on the official Request for Special Needs Accommodations Form (found at www.ptcnyc.com) will be reviewed. Letters from doctors and other healthcare professionals must be accompanied by the official Form and will not be accepted without the Form.

Information supplied on the Request for Special Accommodations Form will only be used to determine the need for special accommodations and will be kept confidential.

CHANGING YOUR EXAMINATION APPOINTMENT

If you need to cancel your examination appointment or reschedule to a different date within the two-week testing period you must contact PSI at (800) 733-9267 no later than noon, Eastern Standard Time, of the second business day PRIOR to your scheduled appointment.

RULES FOR THE EXAMINATION

1. Hand-held, battery or solar operated, nonprinting and nonprogrammable calculators are permitted.
2. No papers, books or other reference materials may be taken into or removed from the examination room.
3. All electronic devices that can be used to record, transmit, receive, or play back audio, photographic, text, or video content, including but not limited to, cell phones, laptop computers, tablets, Bluetooth devices; wearable technology such as smart watches; MP3 players such as iPods; pagers, cameras and voice recorders are not permitted to be used and cannot be taken into the examination room.
4. No questions concerning content of the examination may be asked during the testing period. The candidate should carefully read the directions that are provided on the screen at the beginning of the examination session.
5. Anyone giving or receiving assistance of any kind will have all test materials taken away and will be asked to leave the room.
6. Visitors are not permitted in the examination room.

7. Test documents and notes must remain in the examination room. Removing any test material by any means is prohibited.
8. The Board prohibits certain behaviors, including (but not limited to) the activities listed below.
 - a. Copying test questions.
 - b. Copying answers.
 - c. Permitting another to copy answers.
 - d. Falsifying information required for admission to an examination.
 - e. Impersonating another examinee.
 - f. Taking the examination for any reason other than for the purpose of seeking certification.
9. Candidates are prohibited from leaving the testing room while their examination is in session, with the sole exception of going to the restroom.
10. Bulky clothing, such as sweatshirts (hoodies), jackets, coats and hats, except hats worn for religious reasons, may not be worn while taking the examination.
11. All watches and "Fitbit" type devices cannot be worn during the examination. It is suggested that these items are not brought to the test center.

REPORT OF RESULTS

Within four weeks after the testing period ends, candidates will be notified in writing by Professional Testing Corporation of their examination results. The total score and scores on major areas of the examination will be indicated whether the candidate passes or fails. No scores will be reported over the telephone, fax or by e-mail. Candidates will not be permitted to review the questions they missed.

EXAMINATION CHALLENGES

It is the policy of the American Board of Multiple Specialties in Podiatry to provide every candidate with an opportunity to question the reliability, validity, and/or fairness of a test and its questions. Candidates may comment about any test question or questions, test procedure, and/or the test itself by completing the comment form, which is found at the end of every examination. Alternatively, a candidate may submit a complaint in writing to the Board administrative offices no later than fourteen (14) calendar days after taking the examination. Complaints and challenges must be communicated in writing and within this timeframe; the Board will NOT consider late challenges or complaints, or complaints not submitted in writing.

All challenges and complaints shall receive the Board's full attention. The Board shall investigate each challenge or complaint and acknowledge it in writing to the complaining candidate.

PASSING SCORE

The Certification Examination in Limb Preservation and Salvage is Pass or Fail only. The method used to set the passing score for the examinations is in accordance with standard criterion-referenced passing score standards. The passing score is set by the American Board of Multiple Specialties in Podiatry using generally accepted psychometric principles and methods to determine what constitutes a competent podiatric professional. Each candidate is measured against a standard of knowledge, not against the performance of other individuals taking the examination.

The examination consists of 250 multiple-choice questions, with 4 responses, only one of which is correct. The passing score for the examination is 175.

REEXAMINATION

The Certification Examination in Limb Preservation and Salvage may be taken as often as desired upon re-registration and payment of the examination fee.

CONFIDENTIALITY

1. The Board will release the individual test scores **ONLY** to the individual candidate.
2. Any questions concerning test results should be referred to the Board or the Professional Testing Corporation.
3. The Board will publish a list of candidates who pass the examinations each year and will maintain a current listing of diplomates. Board certification status, but not scores, will be released upon request. Requests should be submitted to the Board's administrative office.

CONTENT OF EXAMINATION

1. The Certification Examination in Limb Preservation and Salvage is a computer-based examination composed of a maximum of 250 multiple-choice, objective questions with a total testing time of four (4) hours.
2. The content for the examination is described in the Content Outline starting on page 9.
3. The questions for the examination are obtained from individuals with expertise in Limb Preservation and Salvage and are reviewed for construction, accuracy, and appropriateness by the Board.
4. The Board, with the advice and assistance of the Professional Testing Corporation, prepares the examination.

The Certification Examination in Limb Preservation and Salvage will be weighted in approximately the following manner:

I. History and Physical Examination	15%
II. Diabetic Foot Disease.....	10%
III. Evaluation of High Risk Patient.....	19%
IV. Diagnostic Methods	16%
V. Treatment Plan.....	30%
VI. Coordination of Care.....	10%

CONTENT OUTLINE

I. HISTORY AND PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

- A. Interview of High Risk Patient
 - 1. Presenting Complaint
 - a. Pain Status
 - b. Reason for Visit
 - c. History of Complaint
 - d. Length of Complaint
 - 2. Past Diagnostic Examinations
 - a. Imaging
 - b. Vascular Testing
 - c. Laboratory Testing
 - d. Neurological Testing
 - 3. Treatments and Recommendations for Treatments
 - a. Pharmacologic Treatment History
 - b. Surgical Intervention History
 - c. Wound Care History
 - 4. Effect of Treatments
 - 5. Background and Co-Morbidities
 - a. Psychological
 - 1. Emotional Status
 - 2. Mental Status
 - b. Medical
 - 1. Renal Status
 - 2. Cardiac Status
 - 3. Peripheral Circulation Status
 - 4. Endocrine Status
 - c. Psychosocial
 - 1. Marital Status
 - 2. Home Situation
 - 3. Employment Status
- B. Physical Examination
 - 1. General Health
 - 2. Vascular
 - a. Arterial
 - b. Venous
 - 3. Neurological
 - 4. Musculoskeletal
 - 5. Dermatological

II. DIABETIC FOOT DISEASE

- A. Gangrene/Peripheral Arterial Disease
 - 1. Pain
 - 2. Wet
 - 3. Dry
 - 4. Demarcation

- B. Cellulitis
 - 1. Location
 - 2. Demarcation
 - 3. Episodes
- C. Osteomyelitis
 - 1. Biopsy
 - 2. MRI
 - 3. Nuclear
- D. Charcot Arthropathy
 - 1. Extremity Temperature Difference
 - 2. Ulceration
 - 3. Location of Deformity
- E. Necrotizing Fasciitis
 - 1. Drainage
 - 2. Progression
 - 3. Odor
- F. Neuropathy

III. EVALUATION OF HIGH RISK PATIENT

- A. Risk Status of Patient
 - 1. Spreading
 - 2. Depth
 - 3. Systemic Disease
- B. Ulcerations
 - 1. Size and Depth
 - 2. Location
 - 3. Clinical Appearance
- C. Vascular Disease
 - 1. Clinical Appearance
 - 2. Doppler
 - 3. Testing
- D. Osteomyelitis
 - 1. Signs and Symptoms
 - 2. Bone Culture
 - 3. Imaging
 - 4. Bone Tests
- E. Infections
 - 1. Clinical Signs and Symptoms
 - 2. Culture and Sensitivity
- F. Charcot Arthropathy
 - 1. Signs and Symptoms
 - 2. Imaging
- G. Pathology of Disease

IV. DIAGNOSTIC METHODS

- A. Arterial Testing
- B. Venous Testing
- C. Imaging
 - 1. MRI/MRA
 - 2. CT
 - 3. Radiography
 - 4. Nuclear
 - 5. Ultrasound
- D. Laboratory Examinations
- E. Biopsy and Surgical Pathology

V. TREATMENT PLAN

- A. Surgical
 - 1. Types of Amputations
 - 2. Causes of Amputations
 - 3. Incision and Drainage/Debridement
 - 4. Biologic Dressings
 - 5. Surgical Techniques
- B. Nonsurgical
 - 1. Nonbiologic Dressings
 - 2. Growth Factors
 - 3. Medications
- C. Decision Making
 - 1. Treatment Setting
 - 2. Amputation and Resection
 - 3. Limb Salvage Biomechanics
- D. Mechanical Healing Procedures
 - 1. Vascular Pump
 - 2. Hyperbarics
 - 3. Wound Vacuum-Assisted Closure
 - 4. Compression
 - 5. Electromechanical Procedures
- E. Outcome Goals
- F. Complications

VI. COORDINATION OF CARE

- A. Biomechanics of Amputated Foot
- B. Orthotic/Prosthetic/Shoe Considerations
- C. Skin and Nails
- D. Nutrition
- E. Exercise
- F. Psychosocial
- G. Postoperative
- H. Wounds
- I. Referrals
- J. Counseling and Education

SAMPLE EXAMINATION QUESTIONS

1. What is the leading cause of lower extremity amputation in the U.S.?

1. Stroke
 2. Myocardial infarction
 3. Coronary heart failure
 4. Peripheral vascular disease
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2. What bones are infused in a Boyd amputation?

1. Talus and tibia only
 2. Calcaneus and tibia only
 3. Talus and calcaneus only
 4. Calcaneus, tibia, and talus
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3. Which of the following is the most modifiable risk factor for prevention of peripheral artery disease?

1. Nicotine level
 2. Cholesterol level
 3. Blood glucose level
 4. Free fatty acids level
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CORRECT ANSWERS TO SAMPLE QUESTIONS

1. 4; 2. 2; 3. 1

Content Outline: 1. III 2. V 3. VI

REFERENCES

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CONSENT FORM

I, _____, certify that all information contained in my application for certification in [Primary Care in Podiatric Medicine / Foot and Ankle Surgery / Prevention and Treatment of Diabetic Foot Wounds and Diabetic Footwear/ Limb Preservation and Salvage] is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I have read and understand the requirements for certification as set forth in the Certification Examination in [Primary Care in Podiatric Medicine / Foot and Ankle Surgery / Prevention and Treatment of Diabetic Foot Wounds and Diabetic Footwear/ Limb Preservation and Salvage] Handbook for Candidates. In addition, I hereby authorize the American Board of Multiple Specialties in Podiatry (the Board) and its officers, directors, committee members, employees, and agents (“the above designated parties”) to review my application to take the certification examination in [Primary Care in Podiatric Medicine / Foot and Ankle Surgery / Prevention and Treatment of Diabetic Foot Wounds and Diabetic Footwear/ Limb Preservation and Salvage]. I authorize the Board to determine my eligibility for certification in [Primary Care in Podiatric Medicine / Foot and Ankle Surgery / Prevention and Treatment of Diabetic Foot Wounds and Diabetic Footwear/ Limb Preservation and Salvage]. I agree to revocation or other limitation of my certification if any statement made on my application or hereafter supplied to the Board is false or inaccurate or if I violate any of the rules or regulations of the Board.

I understand and agree that if I am granted certification in [Primary Care in Podiatric Medicine / Foot and Ankle Surgery / Prevention and Treatment of Diabetic Foot Wounds and Diabetic Footwear/ Limb Preservation and Salvage], it will be my responsibility to remain in compliance with all certification standards. I understand it is my responsibility to maintain valid certification status by complying with all recertification requirements and timely submitting such proof of compliance as is required by the Board.

I agree to cooperate promptly and fully in any review of my certification by the Board, including submitting such documents and information deemed necessary to confirm the information in my application. I authorize the above designated parties to communicate any and all information relating to any application, certification status, and review thereof, including, but not limited to, pending or outcome of disciplinary proceedings to state and federal authorities, employers, and others.

I understand that the Board reserves the right to refuse my admission to any examination if I do not have an Admission Notice and proper photo identification, or if administration of the examination has begun. If I am refused admission for any of these reasons or fail to appear at the test site, I will not receive a refund of the application or examination fees and there will be no credit for future examinations. I authorize the proctors at my assigned test site to maintain a secure and proper test administration at their discretion. I acknowledge that in this capacity, the proctors may relocate me before or during the examination. I will not communicate with other examinees in any way.

I understand that I may only seek admission to take the examination in [Primary Care in Podiatric Medicine / Foot and Ankle Surgery / Prevention and Treatment of Diabetic Foot Wounds and Diabetic Footwear/ Limb Preservation and Salvage] for the purpose of seeking certification in [Primary Care in Podiatric Medicine / Foot and Ankle Surgery / Prevention and Treatment of Diabetic Foot Wounds and Diabetic Footwear/ Limb Preservation and Salvage], and for no other purpose. Because of the confidential nature of the examination, I will not take any examination materials from the test site, reproduce the examination materials, or transmit the examination questions or answers in any form to any other person.

I understand that review of the adequacy of examination materials will be limited to computing any scoring correction. If I do anything which is not authorized or which is prohibited by the Board in connection with any examination, I understand that my examination performance may be voided, and such activity may be the subject of legal action. In a case where my examination performance is voided, I will not receive a refund of the application or examination fees, and there will be no credit for any future examination.

I waive all further claims of examination review and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the above designated parties for any action taken pursuant to the rules and standards of the Board with regard to my application, the examination(s) and/or my certification except claims based on gross negligence or lack of good faith.

I agree that if I pass the examination, the Board may release my name and the fact that I have been granted certification in [Primary Care in Podiatric Medicine / Foot and Ankle Surgery / Prevention and Treatment of Diabetic Foot Wounds and Diabetic Footwear/ Limb Preservation and Salvage] to newspapers and other publications. I agree that the Board may release my name and address in a listing of certified podiatrists to individuals and/or organizations interested in podiatry as directed by the board of directors.

I agree that, if I become certified, I will notify the ABMSP within 60 days of any changes which become known to me about my professional status (e.g. disciplinary action undertaken or resolved) and licensure (e.g. suspension or revocation).

By signing, I acknowledge that I have read and understand this information, and agree to abide by these terms.

Signature

Date

Name-please print

Application for Certification Examination in Limb Preservation and Salvage

Please read the directions in the Handbook for Candidates carefully before completing this application.

MARKING INSTRUCTIONS: This form will be scanned by computer, so please make your marks heavy and dark, filling the circles completely. Please print uppercase letters and avoid contact with the edge of the box. See example provided. →

A	B	C	D	E	F	1	2	3	4	5	6
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Candidate Information

Please enter your Name exactly as it appears on your current Government-Issued Photo I.D.

Mr. First Name _____ Middle Initial _____
 Mrs. _____
 Ms. _____
 Dr. _____

Last Name _____ Suffix (Jr., Sr., etc.) _____

Home Address - Number and Street _____ Apartment Number _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Email Address (Please enter only ONE email address. Use two lines if your email address does not fit in one line.)

Daytime Phone _____ - _____ - _____ Fax: _____ - _____ - _____

Eligibility and Background Information

Testing Period:

Winter Spring

Darken only one choice for each question unless otherwise directed.

A. NUMBER OF YEARS OF CLINICAL EXPERIENCE:

- Three Five Eight to ten
 Four Six to seven Eleven or more

B. PRIMARY PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: (Darken only one response.)

- Private Practice University/Academic
 Group Practice Government
 Clinic Other (please specify below)
 Hospital _____

C. CURRENTLY CERTIFIED IN PRIMARY CARE IN PODIATRIC MEDICINE BY AMERICAN BOARD OF MULTIPLE SPECIALTIES IN PODIATRY?

- No Yes

D. CURRENTLY CERTIFIED IN FOOT & ANKLE SURGERY BY AMERICAN BOARD OF MULTIPLE SPECIALTIES IN PODIATRY?

- No Yes

E. CURRENTLY CERTIFIED IN PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF DIABETIC FOOT WOUNDS AND FOOT WEAR BY AMERICAN BOARD OF MULTIPLE SPECIALTIES IN PODIATRY?

- No Yes

F. ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN PODIATRIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION?

- No Yes

G. CURRENTLY CERTIFIED BY OTHER PODIATRIC BOARD?

- No Yes

If yes, please indicate Board: _____

H. HAVE YOU TAKEN THIS EXAMINATION BEFORE?

- No Yes If yes, when and under what name?

Month/Year: _____

Name: _____

I. IF YOU ARE A VETERAN, ARE YOU BEING REIMBURSED FOR THE EXAMINATION FEE?

- No Yes

J. PROFESSIONAL LICENSE HELD:

- DPM DO MD

State

Lic. # _____

K. HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT US?

- Magazine Article Trade Show

- Website Colleague

- Other (please specify) _____

Optional Information

Note: Information related to race, age, and gender is optional and is requested only to assist in complying with general guidelines pertaining to equal opportunity. Such data will be used only in statistical summaries and in no way will affect your test results.

Race:

- African American Hispanic White
 Asian Native American No Response

Age Range:

- Under 25 30 to 39 50 to 59
 25 to 29 40 to 49 60+

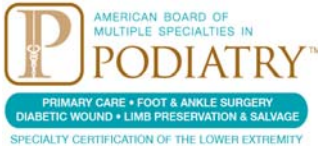
Gender:

- Male
 Female

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Application for Certification Examination in Limb Preservation and Salvage

Background Information

MEDICAL/PODIATRIC EDUCATION HISTORY: *List medical/podiatry school attended.*

Name : _____ Dates Attended: From ____/____/____ To ____/____/____

Complete Address : _____
 Street City State Zip

Name : _____ Dates Attended: From ____/____/____ To ____/____/____

Complete Address : _____
 Street City State Zip

RESIDENT INFORMATION: *List residency or preceptorship programs completed.*

Institution Name : _____

Complete Address : _____ Dates Attended: From ____/____/____ To ____/____/____

Institution Name : _____

Complete Address : _____ Dates Attended: From ____/____/____ To ____/____/____

PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE: *List work experience related to limb preservation and salvage.*

Employer : _____ Title : _____

Dates of Employment: From ____/____/____ To ____/____/____ Duties : _____

Employer : _____ Title : _____

Dates of Employment: From ____/____/____ To ____/____/____ Duties : _____

Candidate Signature

I have read the Handbook for Candidates and understand that I am responsible for knowing its contents. I certify that the information given in this application is in accordance with Handbook instructions and is accurate, correct, and complete. I also understand that I may apply for special accommodations under the Americans With Disabilities Act, if needed.

I certify that all information contained in my application for Board certification is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. In addition, I hereby authorize the American Board of Multiple Specialties in Podiatry (the Board), and its officers, directors, committee members, employees, and agents (the above designated parties) to review my application and to determine whether I have met the Board's standards for certification. I agree to revocation or other limitation of my certification if any statement made on this application or hereafter supplied to the Board is false or inaccurate or if I violate any of the rules or regulations of the Board. I understand that if I am granted certification, it will be my responsibility to remain in compliance with all Board standards for certification, including the Code of Professional Practice, to keep my certification current and to submit a valid application for recertification and fee within sixty (60) days of my certification expiration date. I agree to cooperate promptly and fully in any review of my certification by the Board, including submitting such documents and information deemed necessary to confirm the information in this application. I authorize the above-designated parties to communicate any and all information relating to any Board application and review thereof to state and federal authorities, and others. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the above-designated parties for any action taken pursuant to the rules and standards of the American Board of Multiple Specialties in Podiatry with regard to this application and/or my certification, except claims based on gross negligence or lack of good faith.

I agree that, if I become certified, I will notify the ABMSP within 60 days of any changes which become known to me about my professional status (e.g., disciplinary action undertaken or resolved) and licensure (e.g., suspension or revocation).

By signing, I acknowledge that I have read and understand this information, and agree to abide by these terms.

CANDIDATE SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT *If you want to charge your application fee on your credit card provide all of the following information.*

Name (as it appears on your card): _____

Address (as it appears on your statement): _____

Charge my credit card for the total fee of: \$ _____

Expiration date (month/year): ____/____

Card type: Visa MasterCard American Express

Card Number: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date

Fee: _____

CC Check

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