



Creating assessments for physician certification and professional development



ABMS International assessment consultants work with health care entities worldwide to support their unique assessment development needs for physician certification programs. These consultation services, as well as the CertLink content management and assessment delivery platform comprise the ABMS Assessment Services offering from the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS).

ABMS is recognized for setting professional and educational standards for medical specialty practice and certifying physicians in 24 medical and surgical specialties. Our assessment experts draw upon this experience to help you design, deliver and maintain an assessment program for:

- Evaluating a candidate's knowledge, skills and abilities to enter a profession
- Determining an individual's qualification to receive professional certification
- Supporting a professional's continuing education by helping them identify gaps in their knowledge and connect to relevant educational materials
- Measuring the effectiveness of a professional's learning activities for maintaining certification

We offer these services to meet your program needs:

Exam Design Create blueprints and develop classification schemes and other specifications to ensure exam forms are equivalent over time and that the item bank is robust. We also can offer recommendations for how to organize item writing and review using a committee process.

Item Development Build a robust item bank with targeted item writing assignments. We can train your content experts in writing application of knowledge items and in avoiding commonly occurring technical flaws in MCQ phrasing. Support and feedback are provided throughout the editing process to ensure the development of high-quality items.

Exam Publication and Administration Establish publication and quality control processes to ensure your exam is ready for delivery. We also can work with the delivery vendor to assure a seamless examination event for your candidates.

Scoring and Standard Setting Consult with our psychometric experts to score your examination and set the passing standard.

Score Reports Design score reports and performance profiles that provide meaningful feedback to candidates about their performance and strengths and weaknesses.

Developing an assessment tailored to your program

ABMS International assessment consultants follow industry best practices. Our philosophy emphasizes validity, defensibility and reliability. Before beginning your project, ABMS consultants meet with you to understand your assessment goals. This valuable part of the development process helps us customize a solution with the optimal level of services to create assessments and/or design workshops that meet your expectations.



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Here's what program sponsors have to say...

"Our collaboration with ABMS and its Member Boards builds upon Singapore's continuing efforts to enhance specialist training. This certification process complements our structured formative training and allows us to better assess the competencies of our residents, both during and after completion of training."

Mabel Yap, MD,
Singapore Ministry of Health Director
of Education and Assessment

"The quality of the two-and-a-half day workshop given by ABMS to the Ethiopian Obstetrics and Gynecology Test Development team was impressive and provided an excellent foundation for their future certifying process. Nice to see the Ethiopian content experts working directly with the ABMS experts to write, review and approve MCQs resulting in a pool of well-written items ready for pilot testing."

Leadership Team, ESOG/ACOG
Collaboration on Professional
Association Strengthening

"The comprehensive two-day workshop approach used by ABMS was extremely helpful for our faculty in understanding concepts of assessment as well as how to write and review MCQs. We will definitely have them back for additional sessions in the future."

Thurayya Arayssi, MD,
Senior Associate Dean,
Medical Education and CPD,
Weill Cornell Medicine - Qatar