










What to Expect for Your **APPLIED** Exam

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Registration

Congratulations! You have passed your BASIC and ADVANCED Exams and are now eligible for the final step in becoming board-certified, the APPLIED Exam.

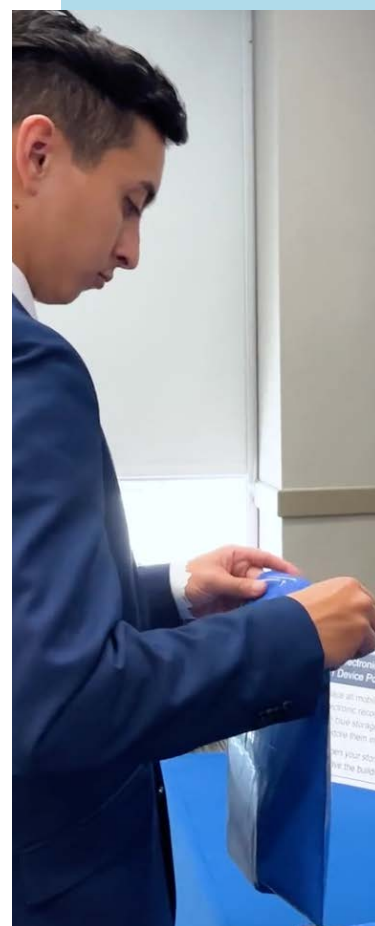
This manual will walk you through what to expect during the American Board of Anesthesiology's (ABA) APPLIED Exam.

- On your exam day, you will attend registration at the hotel indicated in your email communications.
- Please be sure to bring your valid, government-issued and signed photo ID to registration.



If you do not have your appropriate identification, you will not be able to take your exam and will lose your registration fee.

- At registration, you will sign an Acknowledgment and Release form and be provided a wristband. This wristband will include your locker and seat number at the AIME Center, our assessment facility.
- You will be provided a blue storage bag for your personal items.
 - All mobile devices, keys, wallets, watches, purses, pens and pencils must go into the bag provided to you at registration.
 - You will bring this bag with you to the AIME Center to be stored in your personal locker. You cannot bring any personal items into the orientation or exam rooms.
- After completing registration, staff will escort you to the shuttle that will transport you to the AIME Center.





Arriving at the AIME Center

- Once you arrive at the AIME Center, a staff member will check you in and direct you to your locker, the restroom and the orientation room.
- The orientation rooms are equipped with bottles of water and pens for your use.



You are welcome to bring a snack; however, it must stay in your locker during the exam, and you will have access to it during the scheduled break time.

Note: If scheduled for more than one exam component, you will be assigned to take either the Standardized Oral Examination (SOE) or Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) first. This document demonstrates the process for a candidate taking the SOE component first.





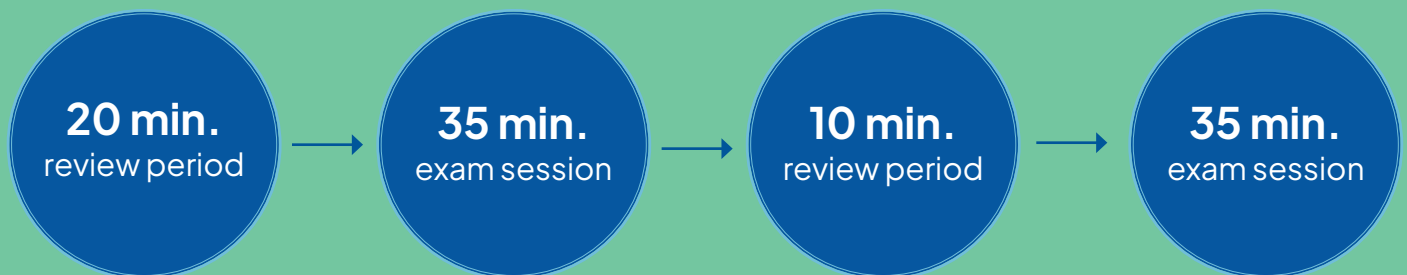
SOE Exam

The SOE is based on guided questions that include a patient's brief clinical history and emphasize the scientific rationale underlying clinical management decisions.

Note: The SOE exam rooms are equipped with video monitoring for auditing purposes.

SOE Exam Timeline and Operations:

The SOE component of the APPLIED Exam will take one hour and forty minutes to complete, as depicted in the following schedule and details below. You'll participate in two 35-minute exam sessions that assess your judgment, adaptability to unexpected clinical changes, organization and presentation of information.



- Once all candidates are in their appropriate seat in the SOE orientation room, exam staff will provide a brief overview of what to expect during the examination and pass out exam materials.
- You will review the first exam session stem in the orientation room for 20 minutes.
- After the 20-minute review period, exam staff will escort you into the assessment area for your examiners to invite you into the SOE exam room for your first session.
- There will be two examiners in the exam room for your first session. If you know either examiner, please indicate this before you begin your exam session and another examiner will be sent to take their place.
- Once the exam begins, you will have 35 minutes for your first session.
- At the end of these 35 minutes, a tone will sound to indicate the end of the first session.

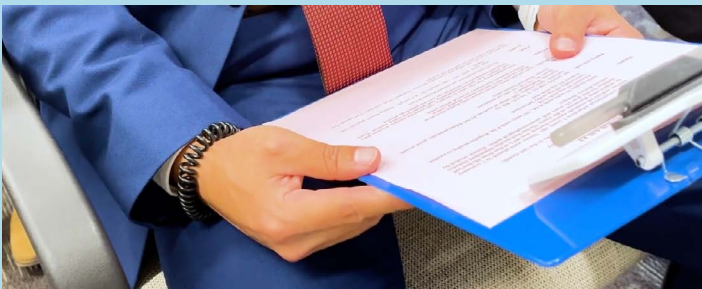


SOE Exam continued

- Once you re-enter the orientation room and are provided with your second exam session stem, you will have 10 minutes to study this information.
- After the 10-minute review period, exam staff will escort you into the assessment area for your examiners to invite you into the SOE exam room for your second session.
- There will be two new examiners in the exam room for your second session. If you know either examiner, please indicate this before you begin your exam session and another examiner will be sent to take their place.
- Once the exam begins, you will have 35 minutes for your second session.
- At the end of these 35 minutes, a tone will sound to indicate the end of the second session.

Congratulations!

You have just completed the SOE component of your APPLIED Exam.





Break Between Components

If you are taking both the SOE and OSCE components of the APPLIED Exam, you will be provided a 15-minute break in between the exam components, during which time you may visit your locker and use the restroom.



Nursing mothers may request a 45-minute break in addition to the standard 15-minute break between components of the APPLIED Exam. This policy applies only to candidates taking both components of the exam. To request a nursing mother's break, please submit the request form found on [our website](https://www.theaba.org) to accommodations@theaba.org 90–120 days prior to the first day of your assigned exam week.



NURSING MOTHER ROOMS



Please note that you may bring your own snacks to keep in your locker for this 15-minute break.

- At the end of this 15-minute break, exam staff will check you in at the podium outside of the OSCE orientation room for your OSCE examination.
- Once all candidates are checked in and in their appropriate seat in the OSCE orientation room, exam staff will provide a brief overview of what to expect during the examination.



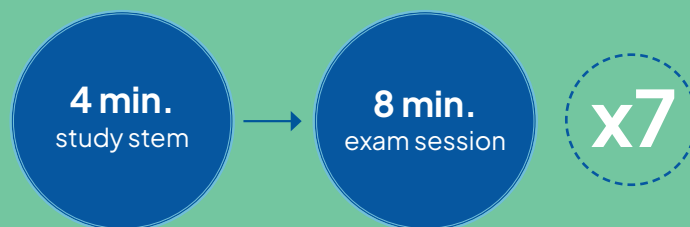
OSCE Exam

The OSCEs assess communication and professionalism, and technical skills related to patient care.

OSCE Exam Timeline and Operations:

You'll participate in seven eight-minute stations with four-minute breaks in between to review the next scenario. The sessions will be recorded for grading purposes.

The OSCE component of the APPLIED Exam will take one hour and 24 minutes to complete, as detailed below.



Repeat until you have finished all seven sessions.

- From the OSCE orientation room, an exam staff member will escort candidates to the appropriate examination hallway where you will sit in your assigned chair, listed on your wristband, and listen to instructions from your exam proctor.
- Once told to do so, you will remove the first exam session stem from the pocket outside the exam room door and place the sticker label provided to you at orientation where indicated on the stem.
- You will have four minutes to study the stem information for this session.
- A tone will sound to indicate the end of the four-minute study period, signaling that it is time to enter the exam room and start your exam session.

There will be an exam facilitator or standardized patient in the exam room. There will also be an examiner in the room for your Ultrasound station who will score this exam session. If you know this individual, please continue the exam as normal and your session will be scored remotely by a different examiner.

Note: The OSCE rooms are equipped with video monitoring for auditing and remote scoring purposes.



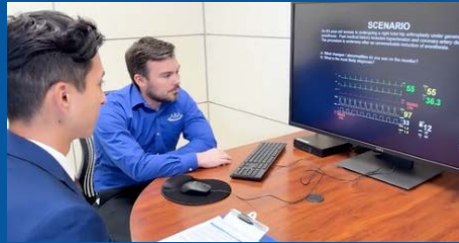
OSCE Exam continued

OSCE Station Types

In these seven sessions, you will experience three types of stations, as depicted below.



5 communication & professionalism station sessions

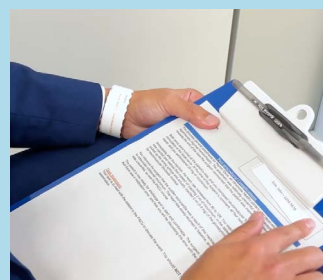


1 interpretation of monitors & echocardiograms station session



1 application of ultrasound station session

- You will have up to eight minutes for each session. A two-minute warning bell will sound once you are six minutes into the encounter.
- At the end of the eight minutes, or once you have completed the encounter, you will leave the stem material on the pocket inside the exam room door and return to your assigned chair in the hallway.
- Once the tone sounds to proceed to the next session, the entire group will rotate together clockwise and move together numerically to the next station and repeat the steps as previously outlined.
 - **For example:** If you began in exam room one, you will move to exam room two. If you began in exam room four, you will move to exam room five. If you began in exam room seven, you will move to exam room one.





Next Steps

You will receive an email letting you know when your APPLIED Exam results are available in your [ABA GO portal](#) account.

- One week after you receive your APPLIED Exam results, your performance report and results letter will be available in your [ABA GO portal](#) account.
- Be sure to report your full medical license in your portal by Nov. 15 in order to receive your certificate and be listed as “certified” in our diplomate directory upon initial certification.



Congratulations!

You are now one step closer to becoming a board–certified anesthesiologist.



Any questions? We’re here to help.

Contact us at APPLIEDExam@theaba.org or (866) 999-7501



Exam Resources

- Visit [our website](#) to review the exam content outline, sample questions and sample scenarios and for more information regarding the SOE and OSCE components of the APPLIED Exam.
- You can also watch our [APPLIED Exam experience video](#) for a detailed look at the entire exam process, from arriving at the airport to exiting the AIME Center at the conclusion of your exam.
- We comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act by accommodating individuals with disabilities who demonstrate the need for an exam modification. Anesthesiologists may request an accommodation by reviewing our guidelines and submitting a request in their ABA GO portal with documentation of their disability. Visit [our website](#) for a list of assessment accommodation deadlines for each of the APPLIED Exam weeks.