

2026 APPLIED Exam - June Registration Window

Frequently Asked Questions

When is the June 2026 APPLIED Exam registration window?

A designated registration window for Weeks 5 and 6 of the 2026 APPLIED Exam will take place in ABA GO June 16-18 for candidates needing to take one exam component (SOE or OSCE).

Why does the ABA offer a designated registration window for the APPLIED Exam?

The designated registration window mirrors standard ABA protocol for all other exams and allows a fair registration process for all eligible candidates. The June registration window supports the ABA Board of Directors' goal of providing additional candidates the opportunity to take the APPLIED Exam within 12 to 15 months of eligibility.

How will I know if I am eligible to register?

The June registration window provides an opportunity for eligible candidates needing to take one component of the APPLIED Exam (SOE or OSCE) to do so within Weeks 5 or 6 of the 2026 administration year. Eligible candidates will receive direct email communications from the ABA regarding registration and will be able to register for the exam via a link in their ABA GO dashboard June 16-18.

What if I'm not eligible to register in June?

We are continuously evaluating our capacity and providing additional opportunities for registration. We will contact you as additional registration opportunities come available.

I need to take both exam components. Can I register during the June window?

No, the June registration window is intended for eligible candidates who only need to complete one exam component (SOE or OSCE) in 2026.

You may see registration open during this time and accessible in your ABA GO account; however, registration will only be honored for those who meet the above criteria. If you register in June and are later determined to not meet these criteria, you will not be assigned an exam appointment in 2026. Your payment will remain on your account and can be applied to a future registration. Additional registration opportunities will be communicated with you via email.

Am I guaranteed an exam appointment if I only need to take one component?

While this registration window is designed to provide additional opportunities for eligible candidates needing to take one exam component, capacity is limited and not all eligible registrants will receive an exam appointment.

What if I'm not able to get online as soon as registration opens?

There is no need to register immediately. Registration timing will have no bearing on exam week assignments as this is not a first-come, first-served model.

Will there still be spots available in all 2026 exam weeks when I register in June?

The ABA will do its best to accommodate all eligible candidates needing to take one exam component during Weeks 5 and 6 of the 2026 APPLIED Exam.

How will you prioritize exam week assignments based on rankings?

Registering candidates will be able to rank-order their preference for Weeks 5 and 6. Registration timing will have no bearing on exam week assignments as this is not a first-come, first-served model.

Once the registration window closes June 18, we will sort candidates' rankings into a system and exam week assignments will be randomized according to this data. While we will do our best to accommodate preferences, we cannot guarantee a candidate's top choices.

I'm registered. What's next?

Once your registration has been received, your submission is unable to be changed, edited or resubmitted. You can view your week rankings at any time in your ABA GO portal dashboard by clicking 'view' beside your APPLIED Exam registration and then 'Ranked Choice Selection.'

Exam week assignments will be emailed to registered candidates in early July. Your official exam date and time will be emailed to you approximately two months before your assigned exam week.

Can I change my exam week once it's been assigned to me?

If you have a medical or military reason and can provide independent documentation to be approved by APPLIED Exam staff, you may request one exam week change, free of charge, pending availability. To request an exam week change, please email APPLIEDExam@theaba.org.

If you do not have a medical or military reason and cannot provide independent documentation, you will be required to pay the full exam cancellation fee. All online payments are nonrefundable.

A candidate who cancels or misses a scheduled APPLIED Examination for reasons not related to an unavoidable or catastrophic event will be prioritized behind newly eligible candidates for rescheduling purposes and will be guaranteed a new exam date within two years of the date of the cancelled or missed appointment.

I previously registered and had to cancel my exam. How will my payment credit be applied to my 2026 registration?

When registering for the 2026 APPLIED Exam, you will have a credit on your account from your previous registration and will be required to pay any remaining balance. Beginning with the 2026 exam, the standard registration fee for the APPLIED Exam is \$2,500 for both components and \$1,250 for one component.

Why did the exam registration fee increase?

Due to significant inflation, the ABA Board of Directors voted to adjust examination fees beginning with the 2026 exams. This overall inflation impact includes federal and local inflation as well as rising costs of labor, supplies, technology and other expenses. ABA fee increases have historically not occurred often, and exam fees have remained stable since 2020.

How do I request the use of medical devices, medicine or mobility devices during my exam?

If you are requesting the use of medical devices, medicine, or mobility devices (i.e. insulin pump, nitro glycerin pills, inhaler, hearing aids, medical bracelet, canes, wheelchairs, etc.), you will need to email APPLIEDExam@theaba.org at least two weeks prior to the first day of your assigned exam week with the specific medical device, medicine, or mobility device you will need during your exam.