



Accommodation Request for Candidates with Other Medical Conditions

This form is specific to examinations taken at Pearson VUE testing centers. Please do not use this form to request accommodations for a virtual Certifying Examination (CE)¹ nor to request accommodations for an ABS In-Training Examination (ITE)². All requests must be submitted at least 30 days prior to the applicant’s exam date. Requests received less than 30 days prior to the exam date will be considered on a case-by-case basis. The accommodation must be approved **prior** to scheduling a Pearson VUE exam center. Scheduling a center without prior approval will result in an examination appointment *without accommodations*.

The General Surgery Qualifying Examination (QE) and the Vascular Surgery Qualifying Examination (VSQE) will start with a bank of 70 minutes of break time.

The Pediatric Surgery Qualifying Examination (PSQE), the Complex General Surgical Oncology Qualifying Examination (CGSO QE), and Surgical Critical Care Certifying Examination (SCC CE) will start with a bank of 20 minutes of break time.

The Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Focused Practice Designation Examination (MBS FPD Exam) and the Adult Complex Thyroid and Parathyroid Focused Practice Designation Examination (ACTPS FPD Exam) include one scheduled break of 10 minutes.

If applying for ADA accommodations, which includes learning and cognitive disabilities and attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorders, **please do not submit this form**. This accommodation must be requested in accordance with the ABS Examinations of Persons with Disabilities policy.

Section A: Personal Information		Please complete the following:	
First Name:	<input type="text"/>		
Last Name:	<input type="text"/>		
ABS ID:	<input type="text"/>		
Current Phone Number:	<input type="text"/>		
Current Email Address:	<input type="text"/>		
Section B: Exam Information			
Exam Name:	<input type="text"/>		
Section C: Medical Condition Information			
Medical Condition:	<input type="text"/>		
Section D: Accommodation Information			
Accommodation Requested:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Frequent breaks ³ (60 mins. of additional exam time/taken during exam sessions)	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Additional break time (during scheduled breaks)	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Access to medication ⁴ (specify if medication is needed in exam room)	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> The medication is tablet form and can be exposed to air.	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> The medication is in liquid form.	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Access to glucose testing supplies <i>with</i> the use of a cell phone ⁵ /water and snacks ⁶	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Access to glucose testing supplies <i>without</i> the use of a cell phone ⁵ /water and snacks ⁶	

If needed, private space at the Pearson Vue test center may be provided on a first come, first served basis and is subject to center availability. This may require a candidate to travel to a more distant center with an available private space.

¹ An accommodation request for additional exam time or additional break time during a virtual CE will necessitate the administration of the examination **outside** of the usual delivery and **outside** of posted dates for that exam. **The exam date and time will be scheduled on a case-by-case basis accounting for both candidate and examiner schedules.** Candidates requesting an accommodation on the CE must email their request to accommodations@absurgery.org.

² Accommodations on an ABS ITE are at the individual program’s discretion.

³ A frequent break accommodation permits the candidate to take breaks during an exam session; exam time will continue to elapse when a break is taken during an exam session. The additional hour of exam time is intended to offset frequent breaks taken during an exam session.

⁴ Medication in tablet form is permitted in the exam room. Individuals must show the medication to the proctor upon check-in. The proctor will provide the examinee with a tissue on which to place the medication.

⁵ Cell phones are not permitted in the main exam room; you will need to test in a separate quiet room at a Pearson VUE center. Pearson VUE will require the ABS to provide special approval to permit a cell phone in the testing area. Please allow a minimum of 10 business days for this process to be completed.

⁶ Water and snacks are not permitted in the main exam room, and you will need to test in a separate quiet room at a Pearson center. Not all Pearson centers have a separate quiet room. This may require the candidate to travel to a more distant center with an available private space.