

# ABIM Candidate Rules Agreement

1.	No personal items are allowed into the testing room including cellular phones, hand-held computers/personal digital assistants (PDAs) or other electronic devices, pagers, watches, wallets, purses, hats, bags, coats, books and notes. All personal items must be stored in a locker. Pearson Professional Centers are not responsible for lost, stolen or misplaced personal items.
2.	The Pearson Professional Center test administrator will provide you with an erasable noteboard and a marker before you enter the testing room. You may not remove these items from the testing room at any time during the exam, and you must return all items to the test administrator after the exam.
3.	You may not write on the erasable noteboard until after the exam has been started. If you need a new noteboard during the exam, raise your hand and the test administrator will assist you.
4.	Earplugs are available upon request. If you would like to receive earplugs to use during the examination, please ask the Administrator for them.
5.	The Pearson Professional Center test administrator will log you in to your assigned workstation. Double check your name and exam with the administrator to be sure you are taking the correct exam.
6.	Please remain in your assigned seat. Eating, drinking, smoking, chewing gum, and making noise that creates a disturbance for other candidates is prohibited during the exam.
7.	To ensure a high level of security throughout your testing experience, you will be monitored at all times. Both audio and video will be recorded.
8.	Scheduled break period will occur during your exam. Instructions will appear on your computer screen at the appropriate time and will tell you the time available for the break. To take advantage of the break, raise your hand to get the attention of the test administrator to be escorted from the testing room. If you exceed the allotted break time, time will automatically be deducted from the next section of the exam.
9.	Unscheduled breaks are discouraged, however should you need an unscheduled break, raise your hand to get the attention of the test administrator. The administrator will escort you from the test room as described earlier. In this case, the exam clock will <b>not</b> stop while you are away.
10.	Should you require an unscheduled break it should be short in length. Unscheduled breaks should also be used infrequently. Long or frequent unscheduled breaks will be reported to ABIM and subject to further investigation. You will not be allowed to access study materials, cell phones or any other electronic devices from your locker during an unscheduled break.
11.	You must leave the testing room for all breaks. When you leave the testing room, you will have your palm vein pattern captured, and you will have your palm vein pattern captured again before you re-enter the testing room. You will not be allowed to take a break during the tutorial at the beginning of the exam; you must wait until you begin the first session of the exam.
12.	If you have questions or concerns at any time during the exam, raise your hand and the test administrator will assist you as long as other candidates are not disturbed. The administrator will not answer exam-specific questions.
13.	If you experience hardware or software problems or distractions that affect your ability to take the exam, notify the test administrator immediately by raising your hand.
14.	After you finish the exam, you will be asked to complete an optional, onscreen survey. After completing the survey, raise your hand. The test administrator will come to your workstation and ensure your exam has ended properly. You must return the erasable noteboard and marker to the test administrator. Do not leave these items at your testing workstation. You will have your palm vein pattern captured when you leave the testing room.
15.	Exam data is automatically encrypted and transferred electronically to a secured facility. From there, it is forwarded to ABIM, and ABIM provides exam results to candidates by mail. Pearson Professional Centers do not have access to the exam data or score.
16.	If you have questions about the examination, please contact ABIM.
17.	If you do not follow the above rules, if you tamper with the computer or if you are suspected of cheating, appropriate action will be taken. This may include invalidation of your exam results.

**Candidate Statement:** *By providing a digital signature, I give Pearson VUE my explicit consent to retain and transmit my personal data and test responses to Pearson VUE and to the exam sponsor (either of which may be outside of the country in which I am testing). I understand the information provided above and agree to follow the Rules. If I do not follow the Rules, or I am suspected of cheating or tampering with the computer, this will be reported to Pearson VUE and the exam sponsor, my exam may be invalidated, the sponsor may take other action such as decertifying me, and I will not be refunded my exam fee.*