



AMERICAN BOARD of OBESITY MEDICINE

American Board of Obesity Medicine (ABOM) Item Writing Committee

The American Board of Obesity Medicine (ABOM) serves the public and the field of obesity medicine by maintaining standards for assessment and credentialing physicians. Certification as an ABOM Diplomate signifies specialized knowledge in the practice of obesity medicine and distinguishes a physician as having achieved competency in obesity care.

Duties:

Item Writing Committee members are responsible for the creation and maintenance of items for the ABOM item bank of examination questions. Item Writing Committee members participate in meetings as well as independent work throughout the year. Members are required to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for ABOM Item Writers, which outlines the terms and expectations of the role. Item Writing Committee members must also sign the ABOM Written Examination Confidentiality Policy. The policy states: To maintain absolute confidentiality and separation between the examination writers and all preparatory or review courses for this examination, ABOM committee members are not allowed to teach, lecture, provide seminars, assist, make comments or in any way participate in such courses while serving on the Item Writing Committee.

Requirements:

All members of the Item Writing Committee must be actively enrolled and participating in the Journal Article Review Recertification Program (JARRP) to maintain their obesity medicine certification. Members must also maintain an active medical license as well as active ABMS certification (or osteopathic equivalent).

Meetings:

Item Writing Committee members are provided with an initial item writing training either virtually in a web-based format or at in-person meetings, and members also attend ongoing training at least every other year thereafter during their committee tenure. In addition, Item Writing Committee members may be invited to attend item review and form review meetings. All travel expenses are reimbursed by the ABOM and attendees receive an honorarium for their participation.

A typical yearly schedule for Item Writing Committee meetings is:

- A multi-day Item Writing Summit (Fall)
- A multi-day item and form review meeting (Spring)

Benefits:

- Item Writing Committee Members will be listed on the ABOM website.
- Will be trained in item writing.
- Will have the opportunity to work in close collaboration with the ABOM Board of Directors in examination development.



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How to Apply:

Please submit your application to Dana Brittan, ABOM Executive Director, at brittan@abom.org

Application:

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Cell phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

State, province or jurisdiction of active medical license _____

Medical Specialty _____

Location of residency program _____

ABMS member board or osteopathic equivalent _____

Please briefly describe your current practice type/setting, population served, and how long you have practiced obesity medicine:

Please briefly describe why you would like to serve on the American Board of Obesity Medicine (ABOM) Item Writing Committee:

Please briefly describe how you have and will maintain the following qualifications for service:
High-quality professional competence in clinical care and/or research, including, but not limited to, treating patients with a high-level standard of care by implementing legitimate medical practices, practicing evidence-based medicine based upon sound scientific principles, and exhibiting a high level of excellence and professionalism: