ASCP BOC INFORMATION REGARDING COVID-19

The ASCP BOC takes the health and wellness of our constituents very seriously. We understand that you may be concerned about how this ongoing health crisis may impact your program, eligibility, application, or exam date. Please know that the ASCP BOC is working to ensure that appropriate processes are in place. We thank you for your patience as we work to best support all constituents throughout this time. Please check this page often for updates.

Pearson VUE Testing Sites:
- [Site closures](#)
- [Valid ID – Exceptions](#)

Applicants:
- [I have already scheduled an exam date](#)
- [I have been made eligible but not yet scheduled an exam date](#)
- [I have submitted an application, but have not yet submitted documentation](#)

Students and Program Directors

PEARSON VUE SITE CLOSURES
We are aware that Pearson VUE has closed all U.S., Canadian, and many international testing centers until at least May 1st. If you have an appointment scheduled during that time, your appointment will be automatically cancelled by Pearson VUE and the ASCP BOC will automatically extend your eligibility window. All Admission Notifications will show updated dates of eligibility within a week of exam cancellation.

The status of Pearson VUE global test delivery is changing rapidly due to the spread of COVID-19. Please check this page, as well as the [Pearson COVID-19 page](#), often for updates.

VALID IDENTIFICATION – SHORT TERM EXCEPTIONS
Candidates may have an expired ID as they are unable to renew their government issued IDs because facilities are closed due to COVID-19. The BOC and Pearson VUE will accept expired IDs from candidates through May 31, 2020. We anticipate that, beginning June 1, 2020, Pearson VUE will again require all government issued IDs to be non-expired.

I HAVE ALREADY SCHEDULED AN EXAM DATE:
Check [https://home.pearsonvue.com/coronavirus-update](https://home.pearsonvue.com/coronavirus-update) for current information. If your Pearson VUE testing center will be closed, they will automatically cancel your appointment. See above for further information.

If the Pearson VUE testing location remains open and you are unable to test, you must cancel your appointment. If you do not cancel your appointment, you may be responsible for a no show fee.

I HAVE BEEN MADE ELIGIBLE BUT HAVE NOT YET SCHEDULED AN EXAM DATE:
Your application will remain active and valid through your eligibility window. Due to the ongoing health crisis, the ASCP BOC will automatically extend your eligibility window. Your Admission Notification will show the updated dates of eligibility.
I HAVE SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION BUT HAVE NOT YET SUBMITTED DOCUMENTATION:
The ASCP BOC is temporarily requesting that all documentation be submitted electronically. Please send completed
documentations and letters of authenticity to the email address indicated below based on your category of application.
- All documentation forms and letters of authenticity must contain original, handwritten signatures.
- All official transcripts must be sent directly from your academic institution.

Transcripts.boc@ascp.org – Official transcripts for all U.S. categories
ascpinternational@ascp.org - Documentation and transcripts for all ASCP® categories

The email addresses below are for documentation forms and letters of authenticity for U.S. categories of application.
  DocumentationAN.boc@ascp.org – MLT
  DocumentationJG.boc@ascp.org – MLS
  DocumentationSB.boc@ascp.org – PBT, BB, SBB, C, SC, H, SH, M, SM, DLM
  DocumentationSC.boc@ascp.org – CG, CT, DPT, HT, HTL, MB, MLA, PA, SCYM, SMB, QBRS, QIA, QIHC, QLS

If you have already submitted documentation to the ASCP BOC by mail, please note that there will be a delay in the
processing of your application. You may re-submit documentation by email as noted above.

FOR STUDENTS AND PROGRAM DIRECTORS OF ABHES/CAAHEP/NAACLS ACCREDITED PROGRAMS:

STUDENTS:
The ASCP BOC has always encouraged students to not apply more than six weeks before program completion. If a
student is uncertain about when they will be able to complete all components of the program, they should hold off on
applying until they have a more clear timeframe.

PROGRAM DIRECTORS
We understand there is a lot of uncertainty at this time concerning the impact of COVID-19 and the ability for students
to finish the didactic and/or clinical requirements of their program. Unfortunately, many programs are faced with this
challenge with no clear-cut resolution. We recommend you join the BOC Program Director’s Facebook group as a place
to share ideas with other Program Directors who are dealing with similar situations. For specific questions regarding
programs, please reach out to your accrediting agency. (www.abhes.org; www.caahep.org; www.naacls.org)

The ASCP BOC has always encouraged Program Directors to not sign off on a student’s eligibility until they are certain
they will meet all components of the program, including clinicals and final exams, by the date indicated on the student’s
application.

We understand that some institutions are investigating the use of Pass/Fail grades during this time. Note that the ASCP
BOC accepts the use of “Pass” on an official transcript in lieu of a passing grade, provided the quarter or semester hour
credits assigned to the course is also indicated.

The BOC is committed to upholding the standards of certification; no changes to eligibility requirements are being made
at this time. The ASCP BOC will work with individuals on a case by case basis as needed to ensure that we are doing
everything we can to manage the ongoing and rapidly evolving situation.

THE ASCP BOC WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE ONGOING HEALTH SITUATION. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR
CONCERNS NOT ADDRESSED HERE, PLEASE EMAIL PDINFO@ASCP.ORG