

FAQs for the 2013 EEG Examination Changes

Q: Why discontinue the oral EEG examination after 47 years?

A: ABRET has been discussing this option for many years. Expert opinion was sought. The timing was right and pieces fell into place in order to make this happen in a relatively short time period. The timetable for this change was not finalized until Spring 2011.

Q: Without an oral exam, will the exam be easier?

A: Not likely. ABRET is revising the item bank and item writers are working on new questions to cover the topics and skills tested during the oral examination.

Q: How will this change benefit the profession?

A: The new eligibility requirements are tied to minimal education and clinical practice. It streamlines the credentialing process and removes some of the barriers to credentialing, including cost and travel.

Q: I have already passed the EEG written exam. How does this affect me?

A: It does not affect you. You may continue on and complete the oral exam in 2012 to earn a 10-year R. EEG T. credential.

Q: What if I have already passed the EEG written exam and want to avoid taking the oral?

A: You will need to meet the new 2013 eligibility requirements and apply to take the Part I and Part II exams in 2013 for a 5-year R. EEG T. credential. Note that this will likely delay you in obtaining your credential.

Q: Why do I need to take the new Part I if I have already passed the old Part I written EEG examination?

A: The R. EEG T. examination process has been revised. The former written EEG exam does not satisfy the requirements for the new process without the oral exam. Therefore, you will need to take the new Part I & Part II examinations to establish competency without going through the oral exam process. See the new examination outlines on the ABRET website.

Q: What is the cost of the new Part I and Part II examinations?

A: EEG Part I will be \$330

EEG Part II will be \$350

If you have already passed the EEG written examination and want to switch over to the new exam process by taking the new Part I and Part II, you will be offered a one-time 25% discount on the new Part I. Please note, you will essentially be ‘throwing out’ the written exam you passed.

Q: How long will the oral examination be offered?

A: The oral exam will continue to be offered up to 4 times a year as needed. Candidates passing the written exam have 5 years to complete the oral exam process.

Q: Why are there two exams?

A: This is a new design that will allow candidates to take one Fundamentals exam, then stack on credentials by passing a Part II in another neurodiagnostic area offered by ABRET. This is a model ABRET hopes to refine for the future. It also allows students to take the Part I before graduation and encourages additional experience before the Part II examination can be attempted.

Q: Where and how often will the exams be offered?

A: ABRET will continue to use the Professional Testing Corporation (PTC) as their testing service provider. At this time, PTC uses PSI (LaserGrade) computer testing sites to administer the ABRET examinations.

ABRET anticipates that all of the ABRET computer-based examinations will be offered at least 4 times each year.

Q: It seems like ABRET is stepping back from requiring an associate’s degree.

A: If you look at the eligibility matrix, the first two pathways are for persons entering the field. They require formal END education, with participation in a CAAHEP-accredited END program being the preferred route. ABRET has decided to value formal END education over an associate’s degree, but does not deny the value of a college degree in testing and professional growth.

The next two pathways (III & IV) are for persons already in the field. They both require some END education and experience. ABRET does not wish to

deny the opportunity to be credentialed to persons who have been working in the field. However, some additional steps are required to become eligible. ABRET anticipates that Pathway IV will disappear at some point, as END education becomes more readily available and valued.

Q: Does the EEG experience for Pathways III & IV have to be counted starting in 2013 or may it include past experience? For example, I have been in the field for five years.

A: The experience may have been obtained prior to 2013.

Q: How do we demonstrate that we have completed the required number of EEGs?

A: A documentation form will be available on the ABRET website and with the application materials.

Q: I have earned more than the required number of ACE credits. May I count them or do I need to start over in 2013 in order to earn the number required for eligibility?

A: ACE credits should have been earned within 5 years of the application deadline.

Q: When can we apply for the new 2013 examinations?

A: Applications are anticipated to be available in late summer 2012. ABRET is working with a Credential Management System to allow for online application processing. Please watch the website for additional information and the benefits of this new system as we automate the entire credentialing cycle from application to recertification.

Q: How can I earn the required ACE credits?

A: The ACE credit program is managed by ASET: The Neurodiagnostic Society, www.aset.org. ACE credits are offered through a variety of methods, including online. The ACE credits that will count toward EEG eligibility should be credits *in* EEG.

Q: What is a Formal non-accredited END program?

A: An outside committee has been charged with developing an application process for non-accredited structured programs who would like for their students/graduates to be eligible to take the examination. Watch the ABRET

website for information on this process, with an anticipated publication date of July 2012.

Q: What if I requested to transfer from the October 2011 EEG written examination, may I hold off and apply my transfer to the new 2013 examination?

A: Transfers initiated through PTC for the 2011 written examinations are only good for the 2012 exam options.

Q: May we still petition our eligibility for the EEG examination?

A: Yes, the petition process now requires a two page form be completed. This may be found on the ABRET website.