Virtual General Surgery Qualifying Exam

Important Exam Day Information

Examination Guidelines

Please adhere to the following guidelines. Following these guidelines will minimize the chances of your exam being flagged for unauthorized behavior.

- **HAVE A VALID PHOTO ID READY**
  To verify your identity, Proctortrack will ask to scan a photo ID. You may use a student photo ID or a government-issued driver's license, passport or national identification card.

- **ONLY ONE KEYBOARD, MOUSE & MONITOR**
  Multiple hardware devices connected to your computer can result in a policy violation. Take time to setup your workstation accordingly.

- **ASSESSMENT IS TIMED**
  Please make note of your assessment’s time limit.

- **PERSONAL ITEMS NOT ALLOWED**
  Sunglasses, keys, wallets, mobile devices and other items not necessary for testing are forbidden.

- **MULTIPLE MONITORS NOT ALLOWED**
  Using Multiple Monitors during this test will be flagged as a violation.

- **COPY/PASTE IS NOT ALLOWED**
  Clipboard is disabled for this test and Copy/Paste functions are not available.

- **PRINT SCREEN DISABLED**
  Print screen functionality is not available during this test.

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- **Physical Books are Not Allowed**: You will not be allowed to read from physical books during this test.
- **Online and Digital Resources are Not Allowed**: During this test, referring to digital reading material (PDF, Docs) or using your computer to search the internet for information is a violation.
- **Digital Note-Taking is Not Allowed**: During this test, using a separate program like MS Word or other such scratchpads on your computer to write notes is a violation.
- **Handwritten Notes / Using Erasable Whiteboard are Not Allowed**: You are not allowed to take handwritten notes / use erasable whiteboards during this test.
- **Headphones are Not Allowed**: Headphones and earphones are prohibited.
- **Scanning or Taking Pictures with Your Phone Not Allowed**: For this test, you are not allowed to scan or take pictures using your mobile phone.
- **Scanning or Uploading Documents Not Allowed**: You may not scan or upload documents.
- **Short Breaks are Not Allowed**: Leaving the webcam frame will be considered as a violation.
- **Food and Drinks are Allowed**: Consuming food and drinks will not be considered as a violation.
- **Physical Calculators Not Allowed**: You will not be allowed to use a physical calculator for this test.
- **On-Screen Calculators Not Allowed**: You will not be allowed to use an on-screen calculator for this test.
- **Printing Not Allowed**: Print attempts cannot be stopped but will be flagged as violation for this test.

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Be sure to have a proper testing environment set up for a high Integrity Score.

Important Reminders

• **Absolutely nothing is permitted to be in your ears during this examination.** This includes ear plugs, ear buds and over-the-head headphones.

• **Candidates will be continuously monitored** by a live remote proctor and artificial intelligence for the entire duration of the exam.

• In order to minimize distractions during the exam, **your proctor will NOT contact you about breaks.** There is a 5-minute scheduled break after each 60 minute section of the exam. **Unscheduled breaks are not allowed.** If you do take an unscheduled break, you must proceed to the next section of the exam. You may NOT revisit, change, or answer any items in the section you were in when you took the unscheduled break. **All unscheduled breaks will be reviewed at the completion of the exam and any irregularities may result in invalidation.**

• If you experience any technical issues during the exam, please contact the organization relevant to your issue:
  - For inquiries specific to Proctortrack (i.e., proctoring or onboarding), please call 844-753-2020
  - For inquiries specific to the testing site (abs-qe.starttest.com), please call 1-800-514-8494. International candidates please call 443-573-8399
  - For **ABS policy-related questions**, please contact exam_comms@absurgery.org