



THE AMERICAN BOARD OF SURGERY

Accommodation Request for Pregnant and/or Lactating Candidates

All requests must be submitted at least 30 days prior to the applicant's exam date. Requests received less than 30 days prior to the exam date will be considered on a case-by-case basis. The accommodation must be approved **prior** to scheduling an exam center. Scheduling a center without prior approval will result in an examination appointment *without accommodations*.

The General Surgery Qualifying Examination (GSQE) and the Vascular Surgery Qualifying Examination (VSQE) will start with a bank of 70 minutes of break time.

The Pediatric Surgery Qualifying Examination (PSQE), the Complex General Surgical Oncology Qualifying Examination (CGSO QE), and Surgical Critical Care Certifying Examination (SCC CE) will start with a bank of 20 minutes of break time.

The Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Focused Practice Designation Examination (MBS FPD Exam) and the Adult Complex Thyroid and Parathyroid Focused Practice Designation Examination (ACTPS FPD Exam) each include one scheduled break of 10 minutes.

Section A: Personal Information	Please complete the following:
First Name:	_____
Last Name:	_____
ABS ID:	_____
Current Phone Number:	_____
Current Email Address:	_____
Section B: Exam Information	
Exam Name:	_____
Section C: Accommodations of Additional Break Time Offered for Lactating Candidates	
An additional 60 minutes of break time will be added to the break bank (130 minutes of total break time) for the GSQE and VSQE.	
An additional 30 minutes of break time will be added to the break bank (50 total minutes of break time) for the PSQE, CGSO QE, and SCC CE.	
An additional 30 minutes of break time will be added to the break (40 total minutes of break time) for the MBS FPD Exam and the ACTPS FPD Exam.	
Upon check-in at the Pearson center, you must inform the test center staff that you are approved for a Nursing Mothers Accommodation. The test center administrator will assist you with reserving the private venue to pump. Pearson center staff will not interrupt the exam to remind you of your scheduled time for accessing the private venue. You are responsible for accessing the private venue at your reserved time.	
<input type="checkbox"/> I am a lactating candidate and wish to request an additional break time accommodation.	

Section D: Accommodations Offered for Pregnant Candidates

Frequent Break Accommodation

An additional 60 minutes of additional exam time will be added to allow examinees to take breaks during the examination sessions.

For an eight-hour exam such as the GSQE, this allows for approximately 15 minutes of additional exam time in each of the four exam sessions to offset frequent breaks taken during an exam session.

- I am a pregnant candidate and wish to request a frequent break accommodation.

Access to Medication Accommodation

Examinees will be permitted to access necessary medication during the examination. These individuals must specify whether the medication is needed in the exam room or will be stored in a locker.

- I am a pregnant candidate and wish to request an access to medication accommodation.

My medication will be kept:

- On my person in the exam room.
- In a locker outside of the exam room.

Candidates who are exclusively breastfeeding, please email accommodations@absurgery.org.

Private space at the test center is provided on a first come, first served basis and is subject to center availability. This may require a candidate to travel to a more distant center with an available private space.