



American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery Knowledge, Skills, and Behavior Program ABOS KSB Participation Requirements and Remediation Plan

ABOS KSB Participation Requirements as of July 2025:

Orthopaedic Knowledge

- PGY 1-5
 - Minimum of **3** completed AAOS OITE examinations

Surgical Skills

- PGY 2-5
 - Minimum **80** completed Surgical Skills assessments/year
 - Total: minimum **320** completed Surgical Skills assessments
- PGY 1
 - Minimum **12** completed Surgical Skills assessments

Professional Behavior

- PGY 2-5
 - Minimum **6** completed end-of-rotation Professional Behavior assessments/year
 - Total: Minimum **24** completed end-of-rotation Professional Behavior assessments
- PGY 1
 - Minimum **3** completed end-of-rotation Professional Behavior assessments

SUMMARY:

July 2026 ABOS Part I Examination:

- All first-time Candidates will be required to have at least **80** completed Surgical Skills and **6** completed Professional Behavior assessments in their portfolio
- October 1 Registration: Notification of ABOS KSB status (may register, pay, and schedule)
- July 1: Final date to meet ABOS KSB Participation Requirements
 - Will be unable to take the examination if requirements are not met (no refunds)

July 2027 ABOS Part I Examination:

- All first-time Candidates will be required to have at least **160** completed Surgical Skills, **12** completed Professional Behavior assessments, and **1** completed OITE in their portfolio

July 2028 ABOS Part I Examination:

- All first-time Candidates will be required to have at least **240** completed Surgical Skills, **18** completed Professional Behavior assessments, and **2** completed OITEs in their portfolio

July 2029 and later ABOS Part I Examination:

- All first-time Candidates will be required to have at least **320** completed Surgical Skills, **24** completed Professional Behavior assessments, and **3** completed OITEs in their portfolio

REMIATION PLAN:

Graduated orthopaedic residents who failed to meet the requirements to take the ABOS Part I Examination due to insufficient completed ABOS KSB assessments may reapply to take the examination the following year. They must complete the ABOS KSB requirements during their fellowship year or their 1st year in practice.

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General Information



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