

# Test Development Process



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Item writers receive item-writing assignments created and sent by ABPN staff and write and submit items to ABPN.



ABPN staff edit items.



Authors revise items if needed.



Committees review new items.



Staff performs editorial reviews of approved exam.



Committee reviews draft exam and items for pretesting.



Staff select items for draft exam and pretesting.



Chair reviews and approves the finalized exam.



Exams are administered.



Test scoring and reporting  
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# Test Scoring and Reporting Process

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Examination data imported for preliminary scoring.



ABPN staff review item statistics and examinee comments to identify problematic items.



Committee chair reviews flagged items to decide if any should be deleted.



Equating procedures are applied to set the pass/fail standard (completed 2-4 weeks after rescoring). Periodically (every 7-8 years) a standard setting study is conducted.



Examination is rescored (completed 4-6 weeks after administration).



Score reports are generated and checked (completed 2 weeks after standard setting).



Score reports posted electronically to individual Physician Folios accounts or mailed to examinees.