

**Petition for Waiver of Residency Training Requirement**

Any applicant for admission who does not possess the published residency training qualification for admission to ABLES may file a petition for waiver of this requirement. The petition shall be written in letter format on the applicant's letterhead, shall state why the qualification is unfair to the applicant or state why it should be waived, and provide details on alternate attributes and qualities he possesses and which may reasonably be substituted. Acceptable substitute qualifications are extensive time in surgical practice, frequent extraordinary surgical experiences, eyes-on / hands-on training of podiatric surgical residents, and similar activities demonstrating applicant's acquisition of skills and experiences equivalent to, or superceding those he would have gained in a residency program.

Waivers are not available for lack of a professional degree or professional licenses.

The Board of Directors shall review such petition and determine whether the applicant has produced sufficient evidence to show that he has acquired the skills and experience he would have acquired in a residency program. The Board of Directors shall determine the sufficiency of the evidence required to issue a waiver, and may issue or deny waiver at its discretion. The decision of the Board of Directors shall be dispositive without recourse.

Revision History

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