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ABR announces temporary acceptance of applications from medical physics students in non-CAMPEP-accredited educational programs

The ABR recognizes that it takes some time for a medical physics education program to complete the process of CAMPEP accreditation. Further, if that program achieves accreditation, it is evident that in the year before accreditation was achieved, the program very likely produced well-trained medical physicists. Thus, the ABR has a policy in place to accept candidates from programs that achieve CAMPEP accreditation within one year after the candidate graduates.

According to this current policy, the ABR will not accept an application from a candidate who graduates from an unaccredited program. However, if a candidate graduates in 2012 and waits until 2013 to apply because his or her program is in the process of becoming CAMPEP accredited, he or she then would need to have completed a CAMPEP residency. This is an unintended consequence because in the past, the ABR would have allowed that candidate to apply during one year following graduation, provided his or her program achieved accreditation in that time.

To address this situation, the ABR has adopted the temporary policy below. Please note that this policy does not change the requirement for a CAMPEP program for 2012, nor does it change the requirement for a CAMPEP residency for new candidates for the 2014 exam. It does, however, provide some flexibility for candidates in programs seeking CAMPEP accreditation in 2012.

Temporary Policy

The ABR will accept applications for students in non-CAMPEP Medical Physics Programs until December 31, 2012. These applications must be accompanied by a letter from the program director stating that the program has applied for CAMPEP accreditation. The applications will be held until either:

- the program becomes accredited by CAMPEP, or
- the individual making the application enters a CAMPEP-accredited residency.

When the educational program is accredited by CAMPEP, the application will be processed under the 2012 ABR requirements. The application will expire if the candidate is more than one year post graduation, and the program is still not CAMPEP accredited. Applications not processed by October 31, 2015, will be discarded. Further information may be found on the ABR website at <http://www.theabr.org/ic-rp-newcampep>.

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