



REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ASSOCIATE FELLOW MEMBERSHIP EXAMINATION*

General Information

The examination for Associate Fellow membership consists of two (2) parts; Part 1 is a written examination and Part 2 includes an oral examination and the defense of clinical treatment cases as outlined below in the Case Requirements section. The candidate must receive a passing score on the written examination before applying to take the second part. Both parts must be completed successfully within four years after passing the written examination. Candidates for the oral/case examination must be general members of the Academy in good standing.

The Admissions and Credentials Board adheres rigidly to the requirements listed below. Failure to comply may result in the candidate's not being admitted to the examination. Making false statements on the application or during the oral interview is immediate grounds for permanent rejection of a candidate's application or revocation of membership after membership is granted.

Part 1 of the Associate Fellow examination can be taken in either a print or computer-based format. Both formats are available in the United States and only the computer-based format is available in other countries. The examination is given in English. Candidates for whom English is not their primary language may request thirty (30) additional minutes at the time of application. An English-speaking candidate who has a previously diagnosed and documented disability such as dyslexia or attention deficit disorder may also request thirty (30) additional minutes, provided the request and appropriate documentation are provided at the time of application.

The written examination includes 150 multiple-choice questions. Each question has a stem and four possible answers. For more detailed information about the content and format of the examination and a listing of key words to guide preparation for the examination, see the Study Guide for Associate Fellow and Fellow Examinations.

If needed, an interpreter may be requested for the oral/case examination. The interpreter will be supplied by the AAID, with the applicant being responsible for the cost of this service. The fee for translation services will be based on the prevailing rate at the time of the examination and must be paid at least 30 days prior to the examination date.

Educational Requirements

Applicants must be licensed dentists who have completed at least 300 hours of postdoctoral or continuing education in implant dentistry, which included at least one course with a participatory format. These course hours must be listed on the application form for Part 1 (written) of the examination. The 300 hours must be divided between the sciences related to implant dentistry and clinical implant education. The science component should include internal medicine, anatomy, histology, pathology, pharmacology, bone physiology, immunology, radiology, and dental materials.

Education in clinical implantology and related courses must include various implant modalities. Suggested clinical subjects are: root-form, plate-form, subperiosteal, and ramus frame implants; grafts; occlusion; oral and maxillofacial surgery; prosthetics; and periodontics.

* Adopted September 1997, revised to April 2008.

Case Requirements

Each applicant must present three (3) cases on three (3) different patients for in-depth discussion with the examiners. **These three (3) cases must include implants and be fully restored with a final prosthesis of the candidate's choice that has been in function for at least one year; they must meet the following criteria:**

Single tooth

Edentulous segment of two (2) or more adjacent teeth with a minimum of two implants

Edentulous arch (If root-form or plate-form implants are used, the case must include a minimum of four (4) implants.)

Cases in which implants of less than 3 mm in diameter are used as definitive therapy do not satisfy the requirements of the examination and should not be submitted.

Case Reports

Candidates must list the cases that they will present for examination in their application for Part 2 (oral/case) of the examination. These case reports may be submitted in either print or electronic format. Each report, irrespective of the format, must follow the *Guidelines for Associate Fellow Membership*, revised to April 2008. Reports submitted in electronic format must also meet the specifications provided in *Instructions for Submission of Electronic Case Reports*. **The Admissions and Credentials Board will disqualify any candidate whose reports do not comply with *The Guidelines*.** The cases reports are due in the Headquarters Office two months before the examination period begins. To insure that the case materials arrive by that date, candidates are urged to use a shipping process that allows verification of receipt in the Headquarters Office.

The submitted reports become the property of the American Academy of Implant Dentistry and will not be returned.

Applying for the Examination

Applications for the written examination and the \$950 application fee must be received in the AAID Headquarters Office by the deadline specified for the examination that you wish to take. (This schedule is posted at www.aaid.com or contact the AAID Headquarters Office.) The application fee is non-refundable. All payments must be in U. S. dollars; make checks payable to the AAID.

Applications for Part 2 (oral/case) of the examination must be received by February 1. If an applicant is taking the oral/case examination for the first time, no additional fee is required with the application.

Induction

The AAID Board of Trustees elects new Associate Fellows, based on the recommendation of the Admissions and Credentials Board, which conducts the membership examinations. As specified in the Bylaws, all newly elected Associate Fellows must attend the next AAID Annual Business Meeting during which they are introduced to the voting membership and ceremoniously inducted. This is the final requirement that candidates who pass both parts of the examination must meet to become Associate Fellow members of the Academy.