



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 Part 1 (written) examination before applying to take the second part, which is an oral/case examination. Those who have passed Part 1 of the Associate Fellow examination have the option of taking the oral/case examination for either Associate Fellow or Fellow membership (see Fellow Requirements for details). In either case, the oral/case examination must be completed successfully within four years after passing the Part 1 (written) examination; and 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 examination is immediate grounds for permanent rejection of a candidate's application or revocation of voting membership after it is granted.

Part 1(written) 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 Canada 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.

The Part 2 (oral/case) examination is also given in English. Therefore, candidates for whom English is not their primary language are urged to evaluate carefully their ability to take an oral examination in English. If needed, an interpreter may be requested on the application form. The interpreter will be supplied by the AAID, and the candidate will be responsible for the cost of this service, which will be based on the prevailing rate at the time of the examination and must be paid before 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 within the past twelve (12) years that 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

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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.

Graduation from a full time periodontal, oral and maxillofacial surgery, or prosthodontics program fulfills the educational requirement for either the Associate Fellow (300 hours) or Fellow (400 hours) examination.

Effective September 1, 2019:

Applicants must be licensed dentists who have completed at least 300 hours of postdoctoral or continuing education in implant dentistry within the past twelve (12) years that included *at least 75 hours with a participatory format.*

PARTICIPATION/HANDS-ON COURSE: A presentation intended to teach a particular subject, technique or skill that actively involves the audience. Participants will actively manipulate dental materials and/or devices, or practice clinical skills or techniques under the live or electronically-mediated supervision of a qualified instructor. When live patient treatment is involved, live instructor direct supervision is required. The participation activities must represent a minimum of 30% of total course time, and must directly address the educational objectives of the course and be an extension and amplification of the lecture portion of the course.

Case Requirements

Each applicant must present three (3) cases on three (3) different patients for in-depth discussion with the examiners. The candidate must have provided surgical and/or restorative treatment for each of the submitted cases. **These three (3) cases must include implants that are at least 3 mm in diameter and are fully restored with a final prosthesis of the candidate's choice. The cases must meet the following criteria:**

- Single tooth
- Edentulous segment of two (2) or more adjacent teeth with a minimum of two implants
- One of the following options:
 - An edentulous arch (The presence of non-clinically relevant impacted teeth is acceptable, e.g., horizontally or bony impacted third molars. If root-form or plate-form implants are used, the case must include a minimum of four (4) implants.)
 - Immediate placement of one or more implants in the maxillary anterior segment, i.e., cuspid to cuspid.
 - A horizontal onlay graft of at least 1 cm in ridge length that results in a net increase of ridge width of at least 3mm facial to lingual
 - A vertical onlay graft, which is at least 1 cm in ridge length, that increases the vertical height of the ridge at least 2 mm superior to inferior.
 - A lateral wall sinus augmentation which results in an increase of at least 5 mm height.

Each case must be complete with the final prosthesis in function for at least one year by the beginning of the examination period.

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 must be submitted in electronic format and must follow the *Guidelines for Case reports for Associate Fellow Membership*, last revision, May 2016. The Admissions and Credentials Board will disqualify any candidate whose reports do not comply with the *Guidelines*. Case reports are due in the Headquarters Office 45 days before the examination period begins. 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 Part 1 (written) examination and the \$1,050 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.aid.com or contact the AAID Headquarters Office.) The application fee is non-refundable. All payments must be in U. S. dollars.

Applications for Part 2 (oral/case) of the examination must be received by February 1. A \$250 nonrefundable processing fee is required with the application.

Induction

The AAID Board of Trustees elects new credentialed members, based on the recommendation of the Admissions and Credentials Board, which conducts the membership examinations. As specified in the Bylaws, all newly elected credentialed members 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 credentialed members of the Academy.