



2025-2026 Exam Schedule

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NOTE: Pearson VUE exams CANNOT be rescheduled to a different testing admin. You must withdraw. Please refer to the withdrawal policy for more information.

PART I ABS		MARCH**	AUGUST**
Applied Basic Science (ABS)	EXAM DATES:	March 16 or 17 or 18 or 19, 2026	August 5 or 6, 2026
Open Registration		September 30, 2025	May 12, 2026
Registration Deadline		March 2, 2026	July 22, 2026
Extended Registration w/ \$400.00 non-refundable late fee		March 3 - March 9, 2026	July 23 - July 29, 2026
ADA Request Deadline		January 15, 2026	June 6, 2026
Withdraw Deadline (receives refund minus 20% service fee)		Please refer to the Withdrawal Policy	Please refer to the Withdrawal Policy
* Pearson VUE will hold seats for candidates until January 15, 2026 for the March administration. All seating is on a first-come, first-serve basis. The later a candidate registers, the more likely it is that the candidate will encounter difficulties finding a seat in a convenient location. Candidates have four days to select from, but will test on a single day, not four consecutive days.			
** Pearson VUE will hold seats for candidates until June 6, 2026 for the August administration. All seating is on a first-come, first-serve basis. The later a candidate registers, the more likely it is that the candidate will encounter difficulties finding a seat in a convenient location. Candidates have two days to select from, but will test on a single day, not two consecutive days.			
PART II PAM / TMOD		APRIL**	DECEMBER
Patient Assessment & Management (PAM)	EXAM DATES:	April 7, 2026	December 1 or 3, 2026
Treatment & Management of Ocular Disease		April 7, 2026	December 3, 2026
Open Registration		January 27, 2026	June 2, 2026
Registration Deadline		March 24, 2026	November 17, 2026
Extended Registration w/ \$400.00 non-refundable late fee		March 25 - March 31, 2026	November 18 - November 24, 2026
ADA Request Deadline		February 6, 2026	October 2, 2026
Withdraw Deadline (receives refund minus 20% service fee)		Please refer to the Withdrawal Policy	Please refer to the Withdrawal Policy
* Pearson VUE will hold seats for candidates until September 2, 2026 for the December Part II and TMOD administrations. All seating is on a first-come, first-serve basis. The later a candidate registers, the more likely it is that the candidate will encounter difficulties finding a seat in a convenient location. Candidates have two days to select from, but will test on a single day, not two separate days.			
** Pearson VUE will not be holding seats for candidates for the April Part II and TMOD administrations. Candidates are advised to register and select seats as early as possible.			
PART III PEPS			
Patient Encounters and Performance Skills (PEPS)	EXAM DATES:	Administration beginning August 2025	
Open Registration		March 27, 2025	
Registration Deadline		30 days prior to exam date	
ADA Request Deadline		60 days prior to exam date	
Reschedule Deadline		30 days prior to exam date	
Withdraw Deadline (receives refund minus 20% service fee)		Please refer to the Withdrawal Policy	
ISE			
Injections Skill Examination	EXAM DATES:	Administration beginning August 2025	
Open Registration		March 27, 2025	
Registration Deadline		7 days prior to exam date	
ADA Request Deadline		60 days prior to exam date	
Reschedule Deadline		30 days prior to exam date	
Withdraw Deadline (receives refund minus 20% service fee)		Please refer to the Withdrawal Policy	
LSPE			
Laser and Surgical Procedures Examination	EXAM DATES:	Administration beginning August 2025	
Open Registration		March 27, 2025	
Registration Deadline		7 days prior to exam date	
ADA Request Deadline		60 days prior to exam date	
Reschedule Deadline		30 days prior to exam date	
Withdraw Deadline (receives refund minus 20% service fee)		Please refer to the Withdrawal Policy	
ACMO		JUNE	
Advanced Competence in Medical Optometry	EXAM DATES:	June 5, 2026	
Open Registration		July 29, 2025	
Registration Deadline		May 22, 2026	
Extended Registration w/ \$400.00 non-refundable late fee		May 23 - May 29, 2026	
ADA Request Deadline		April 6, 2026	
Withdraw Deadline (receives refund minus 20% service fee)		Please refer to the Withdrawal Policy	
Note: Dates subject to change at NBEO's discretion. Registration opens at 9:00 PM (Eastern Time) on the date indicated.			