PHILIPPINE BOARD OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY
DIPLOMATE PART II (ORAL) EXAMINATION

Passing the Diplomate Part 2 (ORAL) Examination is the second and final step to becoming a full Diplomate of the POGS.

OBJECTIVES

To evaluate the candidate’s capability to manage a given hypothetical patient with an obstetrical or gynecological problem or health scenario with regards to:
- Formulation of prompt and logical diagnosis based on the relevant clinical data, appropriate laboratory and diagnostic reports
- Identification of immediate needs and problems and rationalization of their proposed intervention and alternatives
- Demonstration of critical judgment and expertise in clinical problem-solving and decision-making
- Demonstration of equanimity and logical reasoning under stressful conditions

SCOPE OF EXAMINATION

Questions will be chosen from any area of coverage in the Diplomate Part 2 (Oral) Examination blueprint. The questions will test the candidate’s ability to correlate, analyze and rationalize his/her clinical judgment.

GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS

A. Qualifications of Applicants:
   1. Has passed the Diplomate Part 1 (Written) Examination within 5 years.
   2. No more than 3 failed attempts in taking the Diplomate Part 2 (Oral) Examination
   3. A Junior Member, in good standing for at least 3 months prior to the oral examination.
   4. Submitted the necessary requirements and paid the examination fees

B. Requirements for FIRST TIME applicants:
   1. Application Form, completely filled out (photo and signatures included). Download here
   2. Photocopy of PBOG Certification of Passing Diplomate Part 1 (Written)
   3. Photocopy of Certificate of Junior Membership in POGS (The applicant must be in good standing for at least 3 months prior to examination.)
   4. Photocopy of Certificate of PMA in good standing
   5. Photocopy of Certificate of Completion or Diploma of Residency Training
   6. Photocopy of required CASES with supporting documents (section G)
   7. Arrangement / Sequence of Compilation of the above documents must follow the format specified here

C. Requirements for those REPEATING THE ORAL Examination

   1. If the current application is less than one year from the date of the previous Oral Examination taken:
a. Letter of intent to take the examination, including date and outcome of previous PBOG examinations, addressed to PBOG Secretary
b. Photocopies of Certificates of Attendance, within 12 months before taking the Examination, in the following:
   ▪ Postgraduate Course in OB-GYN or its subspecialties (with at least 25 CME Units, local or international)
   ▪ Annual or Midyear Convention of POGS

2. If the current application is more than one year from the date of the Oral Examination last taken:
   a. Letter of intent to take the examination, including date and outcome of previous PBOG examinations, addressed to PBOG Secretary
   b. Photocopies of Certificates of Attendance, within 12 months before taking the Examination, in the following:
      ▪ Postgraduate Course in OB-GYN or subspecialties (with at least 25 CME Units, local or international)
      ▪ Annual or Midyear Convention of POGS
c. Submit Five (5) NEW MAJOR Cases (3 OB, 2 GYN) of varied indications, done within the last two years with corresponding discussions (section G-2)
d. Arrangement / Sequence of Compilation of Documents must follow the format specified here.

D. The following must repeat the Diplomate Part I (Written) Examination and submit ten (10) varied major OB-GYN cases (specifically: 6 OB, 4 GYN) done in the last 2 years prior to application:
   a. failed Part II on the third attempt, or
   b. failed on the fifth year, or
   c. did not take the Part II within five (5) years.

E. Notification of qualified applicants

1. The names of applicants with SATISFACTORY requirements shall be posted on the POGS website, including their assigned examination dates/venue.
2. Those with UNSATISFACTORY requirements shall be informed by mail by the PBOG Secretary. The applicant shall be allowed to correct the deficiencies within a specified time to qualify for the next scheduled oral examination. See instructions here. If requirements remain UNSATISFACTORY on the second resubmission, the applicant should repeat the process of application.

F. Waiver of Fees:

1. The application fee is non-refundable. If a candidate fails to take the oral examination for a reason determined to be valid by the PBOG, the paid application fee shall not be reimbursed. However, it can be applied for the next scheduled oral examination.
2. Candidates who fail to appear on the date of examination should submit, within one (1) week, a letter of explanation to PBOG, thru its Secretary, so as not to forfeit the examination fee for the next examination.
G. DETAILS OF REQUIREMENTS FOR CASES

1. FIRST APPLICATION

a. TEN (10) major cases: 6 OB and 4 GYN
   - surgical procedures and indications should be varied
   - repeat CS not accepted.

b. TEN (10) minor cases: 5 OB and 5 GYN
   - surgical procedures and indications should be varied
   See listing of major and minor cases here

c. From the 10 major cases, choose five (5) varied cases for discussion.
   - The procedures should have been done within two years from the time of application
   - The procedures should have been done in private practice and/or during fellowship training.
   - See instructions on case discussion

d. Certification issued by the Department Chair/Medical Director and Medical Records Officer that the cases were admitted and performed by the applicant.

e. Photocopies of the following documents, each page with stamp of “Certified True Copy” and signed by Medical Records Section Officer:
   - Admitting or Face sheet
     If the hospital does not allow photocopying of admitting record/face sheet, a certification from the hospital director must be provided.
   - Operative record
   - Operative technique
     If the original technique was handwritten, a photocopy of the original must be submitted. The typewritten copy should be attached and should bear the signature of the Department Chair/Medical Director or Training Officer attesting to its authenticity.
   - Pathology report (if indicated)

f. The arrangement of the required documents should follow the format specified here.

2. REPEAT APPLICATION: More than 1 year from previous Oral Examination

a. Submit five (5) new major cases (3 OB, 2 GYN) of varied indications, and have not been submitted in the previous application (repeat CS not accepted)
b. All cases should have a written CASE DISCUSSION.
c. The procedures should have been done within two years from the time of application.
d. The procedures should have been done in private practice and/or during fellowship training.

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e. Certification from Department Chair/ Medical Director and Medical Records Officer that cases were admitted and performed by the applicant.
f. Cases should be accompanied by photocopies of the following documents, each page with stamp of “Certified True Copy” and signed by Records Section Officer:
   - Admitting or Face sheet
     If the hospital does not allow photocopying of admitting record/face sheet, a certification from the hospital director must be provided.
   - Operative record
   - Operative technique
     If the original technique was handwritten, a photocopy of the original must be submitted. The typewritten copy should be attached and should bear the signature of the Chair/Medical Director attesting to its authenticity.
   - Pathology report (if indicated).

  g. Should follow the format specified here.