

Responsibility of Candidates for the Written and Oral Examinations

The candidate shall apply for the certifying examinations and complete all requirements to qualify. He/She shall be responsible for all pertinent information and relevant data regarding the application process and the requirements, such as the prescribed details of documents and the deadline for submission; final approval to take the examination; and date and venue of the examination.

The applicant accepts the full responsibility of submitting correct and complete requirements.

An application may be disapproved by the PBOG for the following reasons:

1. Incomplete requirements (e.g. incompletely filled-up application form; no ID photo; expired PRC license; lack of cases; non-adherence to prescribed variety and type of cases; incomplete documentary requirements like admitting sheets, operative records or pathology reports)
2. Wrong sequence/arrangement of documents or format of presentation, not conforming to what is prescribed by the PBOG
3. Suspicious markings, alterations, or erasures on the documents
4. Wrong dates
5. Wrong diagnosis or obstetric score
6. Incorrect procedure
7. Questionable operative technique
8. Plagiarism (*e.g. copy-pasted material from online sources*).

Falsification of documents, in whatever manner, shall be sufficient ground to disqualify a candidate from taking the present exam and future PBOG examinations. If falsification is proven after due process, the disqualification shall hold for a period of three (3) years, after which the candidate may re-apply for the PBOG to reconsider and review the reapplication. This does not mean automatic approval; the application still has to undergo the process of reconsideration.

During the examinations, any form of cheating, dishonest conduct, or unruly behavior shall constitute a breach in the rules of the examination, and shall invalidate the examination process and the examination result for the examinee/s involved in the act. Additional sanctions may be imposed upon the discretion of the PBOG.