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Dear Chief Resident:

The Qualifying (Part 1) Examination of the American Board of Urology will be administered on **Thursday, July 8, 2021 or Friday, July 9, 2021** in computerized format at selected Pearson VUE test centers around the country. If you have met the Board's pre-urology training requirements, and if you will have completed at least six months of chief residency in an approved U.S. program by June 30, 2021, you may apply for admission to this examination. You will find the application and the *Information for Applicants and Candidates* handbook on the website at [www.abu.org](http://www.abu.org).

Applications must be completed online on or before **November 1, 2020**. Any application arriving after November 1 must include the \$750 late fee. **NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER DECEMBER 1, 2020**. Chief residents may defer the fee payment of \$1300 (**but not the application**) until January 6, 2021.

A letter from your Program Director confirming that you are expected to successfully complete at least six months as chief resident by June 30, 2021, is due in the Board office by January 1, 2021. Your Program Director has been notified of this requirement.

The Qualifying (Part 1) Examination is given on one of two days and consists of a computerized examination with integrated questions relating to urologic imaging and pathology. Whereas the exam will no longer include items that require candidates to interpret pathology pictures, it will continue to test pathologic findings/principles that impact management.

As you begin to identify employment options, please remember that a fellowship **will not** fulfill the 16-month practice requirement for admissibility to the Certifying (Part 2) Examination process. Credit toward the 16-month practice requirement may be awarded for a fellowship experience relevant to urology of one or more years' duration, subject to Board approval.

**The application process for the 2021 Qualifying (Part 1) Examination will be completed and submitted electronically. To access the new application for the Part 1 Examination and the current *Information for Applicants and Candidates for Candidates* handbook, please log on our website at [www.abu.org](http://www.abu.org) and click Diplomate Portal.**

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Board office.

Sincerely,

J. Brantley Thrasher, MD  
Executive Director

