

American Board of Emergency Medicine

2022 AEMUS FPD Exam Scoring

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

- 1. What is the passing score and how was it determined?** The passing score for the 2022 AEMUS Exam is 54 correct of the 76 questions the Examination Committee determined were suitable for scoring. The process of determining a passing score, called "standard setting," involves convening a representative panel of clinically active physicians who are knowledgeable in AEMUS. They are trained in standard setting which is anchored in the knowledge, skills, and abilities described in the [Core Content of Clinical Ultrasonography Fellowship Training](#) (Core Content). Panelists evaluate each test question to assess how a physician who meets the ABEM standard would perform. The panel then recommends a passing standard (score) to the AEMUS Exam Committee. The Committee weighs this recommendation and uses it to determine a passing score to recommend to the ABEM Board of Directors, who make the final determination.
- 2. What is the pass rate on the 2022 examination?** Among all takers, 75 percent passed the exam.
- 3. What is my percentile rank among all physicians who took the examination in 2022?** ABEM does not calculate or provide a percentile rank because the AEMUS FPD Examination is a criterion-referenced examination. This means that all physicians are judged against a pre-determined standard. There is no curve; if you are at or above the passing score then you pass.
- 4. How was my result determined?** Your score on the AEMUS FPD Examination was determined by the total number of questions you answered correctly. All physicians who score at or above the passing score pass the examination.

Not all questions on the examination are included in the score. The statistical performance of each question received a thorough review before the examination was scored and questions that did not meet quality standards were not used in determining final scores.

- 5. Can you tell me what questions I got wrong?** Content details on questions you answered incorrectly are provided in your score report. The specific question text or option you selected will not be provided for security purposes.
- 6. Can my exam be rescored?** No. Scores are independently verified for all physicians, regardless of result.
- 7. Can I appeal the results of this examination?** The score and scoring process cannot be appealed. However, if you feel your exam experience was non-standard, please contact ABEM at FPD@abem.org.

- 8. When can I take the exam again?** The AEMUS Exam is administered in even-numbered years. The next administration will be in 2024. Once registration opens, you can submit payment for the exam through your ABEM portal and schedule your exam appointment. You do not need to apply again.
- 9. Do I need to apply again?** No. Your approved application and one-time application fee will remain on file with ABEM for a minimum of seven years.
- 10. What resources should I use to prepare for the exam?** ABEM cannot recommend any preparation materials or courses as that would violate our policy on conflicts of interest. The [Core Content of Clinical Ultrasonography Fellowship Training](#) (Core Content) is the basis for all AEMUS Examination content. The distribution of exam questions based on content area is available on the [ABEM website](#).
- 11. How do I maintain my FPD?** In order for your FPD to remain valid, you must maintain your Emergency Medicine certification. The AEMUS Exam Committee is currently developing activities directly related to AEMUS so that physicians can remain up to date in the field. Detailed information will be communicated as it becomes available.

If you have additional questions, please submit them [here](#). You will receive a response within 2-3 business days.

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