



AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC
BOARD OF SURGERY

RULES OF CONDUCT FOR THE AOBS ORAL EXAM

Acknowledgement of receipt of the AOBS Oral Examination Rules of Conduct must be received before exam registration is confirmed. Download a copy of the rules [here](#).

The following rules of conduct for American Osteopathic Board of Surgery (AOBS) oral exams have been established to ensure a fair and consistent experience for all Candidates and protect the integrity and reputation of the AOBS and its exams. Other rules may apply.

Failure to comply with these rules of conduct will result in invalidation of your examination. You will be called to appear before the AOBS. Failure to appear will prevent continuation of your examination process and constitutes a failure, as well as an ethical violation that will be stated on your record and reported to the American Osteopathic Association.

- Professional dress is required.
- Candidates are expected to always conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times.
- Candidates must register prior to the exam and present a government-issued photo ID.
- Candidates must be in their seats 15 minutes prior to the exam start time.
- Once entering the examination room, Candidates may not leave without permission from an Examiner.
- A Candidate requiring restroom breaks must be accompanied by an Examiner. Exam time will not be extended.
- No cell phones, PDAs, watches or other electronic devices are permitted in the examination area.

- No handbags, briefcases, backpacks, suitcases, or personal property including notes or books are permitted in the examination area.
- The use of noise cancelling ear plugs is at the discretion of the Examiner.
- Candidates are responsible for the storage of their personal items prior to attending the exam.
- Candidates shall not discuss the examination content or process with anyone at any time.
- Exam Examiners are available to assist with exam process but, may not discuss exam content with a Candidate.
- Examination times will be announced prior to start of the exam.
- Exam time remaining will be shown on clocks in the room and announced throughout the exam.
- Candidates are responsible for tracking their own time and turning in their exams when their time is up.
- After completing his/her exam, Candidates must turn in all materials and promptly leave the examination area.
- Any special requests must be made in writing to the AOBS within 90 days of the exam date.