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To keep you informed as we define the details of our Exam of the Future, here is information concerning registration fees for our new exams. This fee schedule will go into effect with the 2018 exam administration:

- The overall cost to programs is the same as for the current In-Training Examination.
- The fee for the BASIC exam is \$300 for first-year dermatology residents (PGY-2), paid by the program. For all others taking the BASIC exam, the fee is \$300.
- In 2018, ABD will offer the BASIC exam at no charge to the program director or the program director's designee, so that programs may become familiar with the exam residents will be taking.
- There is no fee for the Online Practice exam for second- and third-year dermatology residents.

## **FAQs:**

### **What is the financial impact on residency programs?**

The Exam of the Future fee structure is designed to not increase costs to the programs.

### **Why is the BASIC exam fee \$300, when the In-Training Exam fee was \$100?**

Most of the cost of developing the exam is independent of the number of individuals taking it. For the In-Training Exam, the cost could be distributed among 1st, 2nd, and 3rd year US and Canadian residents, plus a few additional individuals and programs. For the BASIC exam, the costs are distributed among about one-third the number of examinees as the In-Training Exam. Additionally, the BASIC is a new exam, and constructing a new exam requires additional expenses, including new exam design and question development.

### **Why is the ABD offering the BASIC exam at no charge to program directors in 2018?**

ABD is offering the BASIC exam to the program directors or program director's designee so they can better understand what is being evaluated in this new exam.

### **Why is there no fee for 2nd and 3rd year residents for the Online Practice exam?**

Charging a fee for the Online Practice would have increased a program's annual budget, and it was the goal of the ABD Directors not to increase the cost for the programs.

### **Will programs pay for the CORE?**

No. The CORE is part of the certification exam. (Please note the Online Practice exam is not part of the certification process.)

For more information, please visit [abderm.org](http://abderm.org) or email us at [abderm@hfhs.org](mailto:abderm@hfhs.org).

**NOTE: When this memo was released, the Online Practice Exam was referred to as the CORE Practice Exam. We updated the name of this exam to the Online Practice Exam in July 2017.**