



American College of Independent Medical Examiners

FACIME™ Minimum Requirements

To become a **Fellow of the American College of Independent Medical Examiners** a candidate must fulfill each of the following criteria:

- 1) Be a current full member of the College for at least one year.
- 2) Current holders of **ABIME Master CIME™** diploma are exempt from items 1 & 8 requirements.
- 3) Acceptance (by objective peer review) of at least 3 IME or case evaluation reports from Candidate's actual practice.
- 4) Have **2 Letters** of Recommendation from Professionals in the same field of practice or specialty as Candidate, one of whom must be a **Fellow of the College**.
- 5) File the application with the **\$295 non-refundable fee**.
- 6) Must have obtained **50 hours** of IME related American Board of Independent Medical Examiners (ABIME) sponsored Training Credit within the last **5 years**. These are Training Programs that directly receive hour for hour credit from ABIME for primary credentialing and re-certification. At least 8 hours of the above minimum required credit must have been obtained from attending the Medicolegal Report Writing Workshop and Expert Witness Skills Workshop, 8 hours from Scientific Analysis of Causation (or Traumatic Brain Injury) and Return to Work Training and 15 hours of credit must be from training in the use of *AMA Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment*.
- 7) Must have obtained **100 hours of CME/CPD credit** from any accredited training program related to your field/specialty in the past five years. This is in addition to the **50 hours of ABIME sponsored CME** as outlined in item 6.
- 8) Must have obtained 100 Fellowship credits from any combinations of following categories:
 - a) Current Status as an ABIME CIME Certified Diplomat (holder of a valid current CIME™ Certificate) and ABIME Board of Registry Member in good standing equals **50 Fellowship credits**.
 - b) Successful completion and passing of any version (**AMA4 or AMA5 or AMA6**) of the ABIME *AMA Guides* Exam in the past **three** years equals **50 credits**. Applicants can qualify for total 100 credits from this category if they have passed more than one version (**AMA4 or AMA5 or AMA6**) of the ABIME *AMA Guides* Exam in the past **three** years. The exams must be passed on the first attempt. Any candidate failing the exam will not be eligible for the following two years. Candidates cannot claim dual credit through this category for passing the initial ABIME exam that was the basis for ABIME certification as in (a) above.
 - c) Successful completion and passing of any version (**AMA4 or AMA5 or AMA6**) of the ABIME Advance Case Studies Open Book Exam (entirely case studies based 4 hrs long open book exam) equals **50 credits**.
- 9) Currently licensed/registered to practice medicine and/or surgery with no significant adverse action against the professional practice registration or license by the authority in the last **5 years** in that jurisdiction.
- 10) Must be a specialist in her/his field of practice, recognized by an appropriate specialty authority in her/his jurisdiction and currently in good standing with that authority.

Successful election of a Fellow is contingent upon the ACIME Board of Governor's approval of the candidate's qualifications. Fulfillment of the minimum requirements as outlined above do not automatically entitle anyone to ACIME Fellowship.

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