



# Alternate Pathway to Certification

If you're an international medical graduate and you're not planning to enter the standard residency pathway to certification in DR, you can apply to this alternate pathway with the ABR.

## 1 Confirm You Qualify

- ◆ Completed clinical + radiology training **outside the U.S./Canada**
- ◆ Able to practice radiology independently in your training country
- ◆ Hold required degrees/certification

## 2 Meet Training Prerequisites

- ◆ 1 year clinical training
- ◆ 3+ years diagnostic radiology residency
- ◆ Provide documentation with exact dates
- ◆ No transcripts accepted as proof

## 3 Complete U.S./Canada Training Requirements

- ◆ 4 years total radiology training at an ACGME or RCPCSC institution
  - ◇ Can include residency, fellowship, or faculty time
  - ◇ Can be part time ( $\geq 0.5$  FTE) as long as completed within 8 years
- ◆ Preferably at **one institution** (max two allowed)

## 4 Manage Transfers (If Needed)

- ◆ Submit transfer documents early for maximum credit
- ◆ Must complete **24 months** at your final institution

## 5 Prepare Your Application

### SUBMIT:

- ◆ Diagnostic Radiology (DR) IMG Application Form
- ◆ Current CV with exact training dates
- ◆ Verification of:
  - ◇ Medical school
  - ◇ Clinical training
  - ◇ Radiology residency
  - ◇ Certification (if applicable)
- ◆ Sponsoring Department Agreement (SDA) with 4 year training plan
  - ◇ Up to 2 years retrospective credit allowed
  - ◇ Up to 12 months research may count (must be approved)
- ◆ USMLE:
  - ◇ Steps 1 and 2 score reports
  - ◇ Step 3 (required 6+ months before Certifying Exam)
  - ◇ Copy of valid U.S./Canada medical license (training license acceptable)
- ◆ Application fee, (when requested)

## 6 Complete Exams

- ◆ Pass the DR Qualifying (Core) Exam
- ◆ Pass the DR Certifying Exam

## 7 Maintain Professional Standards

- ◆ Uphold ethical and professional conduct throughout the process