

# **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

## **NOTICES:**

**All physicians whose applications for certification are received by ABPS after January 1, 2007, must in addition to meeting the eligibility requirements, do a self-query of the National Practitioner Bank and submit a sealed (unopened envelope) copy of the report as part of the application process. The report need not be submitted with the application, but must be provided in order for the applicant to be approved to take the written examination. For information on performing a self-query of the Bank, go to the website [www.npdb-hipdb.hrsa.gov](http://www.npdb-hipdb.hrsa.gov)).**

**All physicians who submit applications for certification after January 1, 2007, will be required to complete the application with all necessary documentation within one year of the receipt of the application by ABPS. (Physicians applying prior to January 1, 2007, have three years to complete the application process.)**

**Beginning January 1, 2007, all letters of recommendation must be dated no more than one year prior to the date the application for certification is received by ABPS.**

**Effective January 1, 2007, for specialties requiring case reports for certification, the case reports must be no older than twelve (12) months from the date the candidate's application for certification is received by ABPS.**