



Primary (Ob/Gyn) OCC Component 3 Application Details Cognitive Assessment Examination Spring 2018

Applications Available: September 1, 2017 – January 29, 2018

Applications submitted September 1, 2017 – January 15, 2018 require the standard fee (\$1525) which will be included upon submission of the application.

Applications submitted January 16 – 29, 2018 require an additional late fee (\$250) which will be included upon submission of the application.

Examination Dates: March 12-17, 2018 (*This exam will also be offered in September 2018.*)

Location: The Primary OCC Exam is now being offered at computer-based testing centers across the U.S. Once your application has been approved, and you are able to sign up for a testing location, we will send you the information you need to sign up for a date, time, and location near you.)

Please note that this exam is no longer offered at the ACOOG Annual Conference.

All information about this examination is located in the AOBORG Library. Access the Library from your user account; click Calendar/Library; click Title in the Library header; refer to articles for Primary OCC.

Be sure to read this entire application and referable Library articles. Applicants are responsible to be informed about all information and instructions.

Prerequisites

Review the information that you have entered into your AOBORG user account under “My Profile” before submitting this application. Basic Info, Contacts (addresses), Training, and Licensing must reflect complete, current information.

Applicants Must:

1. Have received certification in Obstetrics and Gynecology from the AOA.
2. Be a current member in good standing of the AOA or the Canadian Osteopathic Association.
3. Hold a valid, active license to practice medicine in one of the 50 states or Canada.
4. Exhibit conformity to the standards as set forth in the Code of Ethics of the AOA.
5. Have submitted the application by the deadline date.
6. Have been notified of acceptance for examination. (See Notifications section.)

Notifications

Applicants must assure that their email mailbox will accept email from aobog@aobog.org, admin@aobog.org, noreply@aobog.org, aobog@osteopathic.org, and cbs@osteopathic.org.

Electronic Communications:

- Electronic communication will be utilized to notify applicant of all pertinent information about this examination.
- Emails will appear in the applicant's user account on this website. They will be displayed in the **Inbox** on the user's **Welcome** page. **Note:** As a courtesy, emails sent by the AOBORG will also be delivered to the applicant's designated email address *outside of their AOBORG user account*. This serves to alert the applicant to access their user account in order to reply or to initiate further correspondence with the AOBORG.
- A permanent record of all email correspondence is recorded within the user's portal and remains viewable for future reference.

Application Notifications:

Email will be sent to the address as entered in the user's Profile. Profiles must be maintained with a current, viable email address.

- **Electronic communication will be utilized to notify applicants of:**
 1. Receipt of application
 2. Receipt of payment
 3. Receipt of required application documents
 4. Application complete status after all required documents have been received
 5. Acceptance or denial for examination following review of the application by the Credentials Committee (Status will not be available from the AOBORG office prior to the email notification.)
 6. The date, time, and registration instructions for the scheduled examination as well as the required identification documents to take with you to the examination center.
- No further information about this examination will be issued other than in response to individual inquiries.



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Primary OCC Component 3 Examination Details and Reference Sources

The Primary OCC Exam will consist of 100 multiple-choice questions over 2 hours. The test blueprint for the exam is:

Obstetrics	35 - 45%
Gynecology	55 - 65%

Wherever possible, questions will be referenced from the resources listed below, thus directing the examinee toward an evidence-based document to assist in preparation for this examination. Note that these reference sources cannot be entirely comprehensive of all areas of OB/GYN practice. General knowledge reflective of the current standard of care based on the best available medical evidence is expected. Emphasis is placed on important changes in treatment guidelines (where applicable).

Reference Information

The primary reference source for the OCC 2018 examinations will be the 2017 edition of *ACOG Compendium of Selected Publications*, which is a compilation of selected ACOG current clinical practice guidelines.

This publication includes:

- **Practice Bulletins:** Practice Bulletins summarize current information on techniques of obstetrics and gynecology. Practice Bulletins are evidence-based documents, and recommendations are based on the evidence. Evidence is graded and peer-reviewed.
- **Committee Opinions:** Committee Opinions represent an ACOG committee's assessment of emerging issues in obstetric and gynecologic practice and are reviewed regularly for accuracy.
- **Technology Assessments:** Technology Assessments are documents that describe specific technologies and their application.

The ACOG Compendium is available in:

- 1) The *2017 Compendium of Selected Publications* is available for purchase at the ACOG Bookstore: <http://sales.acog.org/Practice-Guidelines-C86.aspx> (available in eBook, USB Drive or subscription)
OR
- 2) The *2017 Compendium* is available online to all **ACOG active members**. To access the Compendium, please go to "Resources & Publications" and click on "Compendium Online" in the right rail. www.acog.org/Resources And Publications/Compendium Online.

NOTE: For the purpose of clarity and consistency with those that use the USB Drive or eBook, the 2018 exam will cover all College Committee Opinions, Patient Safety Checklists, Technology Assessments, Practice Bulletins and Policy Statements current as of December 31, 2016.

Additional Reference Sources:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's *Sexually Transmitted Disease Treatment Guidelines, 2015* – available online at <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/rr/rr6403.pdf>

ACOG Hypertension in Pregnancy Guidelines, 2013 – available online at: <http://www.acog.org/Resources-And-Publications/Task-Force-and-Work-Group-Reports/Hypertension-in-Pregnancy>

Note the Executive Summary of this document, pages 1-12.

Foundations of Osteopathic Medicine textbooks, 2nd and 3rd editions.