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Maintenance of Testamur in Echocardiography (MOTE) FAQ's

What is NBE's Maintenance of Testamur in Echocardiography (MOTE)?

- MOTE is an annual initiative through which Testamurs will participate to maintain their Testamur status, superseding National Board of Echocardiography's (NBE) former static ten-year recertification examination (ReASCE, RePTE, and ReBasic PTE) process. It is a user-friendly, lifelong learning platform that can be accessed on mobile devices (app download required) or using Google Chrome web browsers.
- Testamurs will utilize their preferred platform to respond to 48 questions annually and sustain a ≥ 0.20 MDT value to maintain their Active status.

What led to this change?

- Educational research has shown longitudinal assessment is the best way to maintain in-depth knowledge and proficiency. This will enable NBE to more frequently offer questions emphasizing practical knowledge in echocardiography, reflecting a standard echocardiography practice.
- With physicians' schedules becoming increasingly demanding, MOTE supports and enables personalized knowledge acquisition, assessment, and demonstration of proficiencies with minimal time commitment.

Are there eligibility requirements for MOTE?

- Eligible physicians will have a valid Testamur status or enroll during the to amnesty period.
- Testamurs must possess an active, unrestricted license to practice medicine OR be enrolled and in good standing in an United States ACGME Accredited Program or equivalent.
- Anyone who earned NBE Testamur status at any time is eligible to enroll and participate in MOTE.
- Those who passed an NBE exam AND achieved board certification status (i.e. NBE Diplomate) should instead enroll in the Maintenance of Certification in Echocardiography (MOCE).

When am I required to enroll and participate in MOTE?

Beginning in July 2024, new Testamurs must enroll and participate in the MOTE program the following calendar year after passing their exam. In the future, they must also enroll and participate in MOTE for the subsequent calendar year and every year thereafter. For example, those who pass the NBE's Advanced PTEeXAM, Basic PTEeXAM, or ASCeXAM in July 2024 must enroll and participate in MOTE in 2025.

Can I enroll in MOTE if my Testamur status has expired?

- Yes. There is an amnesty period until December 31, 2027, for Testamurs with expired statuses (i.e., passed their last NBE exam ten or more years ago). Amnesty will allow expired NBE Testamurs to reinstate their status upon enrolling, paying, and fulfilling the MOTE requirements. If expired NBE Testamurs do not enroll and complete MOTE requirements during the amnesty period, they must retake the initial examination to regain NBE Testamurs status.
- Beginning in 2025, enrollment requires an \$85 annual fee.

Am I required to enroll in MOTE if my Testamur status has not expired?

- No, it is not required.
- Participation is optional but highly encouraged and free of charge until your expiration date. Then, you will be required to enroll, pay the \$85 annual fee, and complete the MOTE requirements to maintain your status.

How do I get started?

When the MOTE/MOCE enrollment opens at the beginning of each year, you will be notified via the email address on file with NBE. Please ensure that your contact information is up-to-date and accurate. Once available, you will complete enrollment from your NBE user dashboard. Once your enrollment has been submitted, first time MOTE participants will receive a welcome email with instructions on logging in to begin answering questions in the MOCE platform. Returning MOTE participants will have access the next business day to their aimeQED account and questions. Once your enrollment has been submitted on NBE's website, you may either log into your aimeQED account (if a previous MOTE participants) to begin answering questions or if a first time MOTE/MOCE participant, you will receive a welcome email with instructions on accessing the MOCE platform.

What is the cost of MOTE?

Beginning in January of 2025, for required participants, the enrollment fee will be \$85 per year, due each January.

How many questions will there be?

- 12 multiple choice questions will be released each quarter.
- 48 total questions are required to be answered annually by December 31.
- A maximum of 12 questions can be answered per day per specialty.

How long will I have to answer each question?

There is a three (3) minute, or 180 second, time limit to answer each question.

How many answer choices does each question have?

There will be three (3) answer choices per question.

Can I answer all 48 questions in the last quarter of the year?

- MOTE was designed to be answered over time rather than all at once to promote continuous learning and knowledge retention. However, if you get behind and need to answer all 48 questions in the final quarter of a given year, you can only answer a maximum of 12 questions per day.
- You must answer 48 questions annually by 11:59 p.m. EST on December 31 and maintain a performance standard defined by a Measurement Decision Theory (MDT) value of ≥ 0.20 .
- Measurement Decision Theory (MDT) estimates the probability that candidates are keeping their knowledge up-to-date based on their pattern of responses to questions.

What if I do not answer all 48 questions in a year or do not maintain my MDT Value ≥ 0.20 ?

- Any unanswered questions at the end of the year will be marked incorrect and negatively impact your MDT value.
- Testamurs required to participate who fail to complete the annual MOTE requirements by December 31 will be assigned Conditional status for that year.
- If a Testamur required to participate fails to complete the annual MOTE requirements by December 31 for a second consecutive year, their status will be changed to Inactive.

Why would my NBE Testamur status be designated as "Inactive"?

Two consecutive years of not completing the MOTE requirements will result in an Inactive status.

Once Inactive, how do I regain Active MOTE status?

Testamurs designated Inactive MUST pass the initial exam(s) again to earn "Maintenance of Testamur in Echocardiography" status.

Can I get a refund for my \$85 annual enrollment fee if I decide not to answer one question or all of my questions?

No, there will be no refunds. Enrollees are expected to do their best to complete all 48 questions.

What happens to my aimeQED account on January 1st every year?

The aimeQED/MOCE platform closes on January 1 every year, and all aimeQED accounts are marked inactive to update statuses and add new questions. Your aimeQED account status will be reinstated once you enroll each year.

The NBE amnesty period allows Testamurs with expired statuses to participate in MOTE without having to retake the initial examination. This opportunity will be available until the amnesty period expires on December 31, 2027.

Year NBE Initial Exam Passed	MOTE Participation Required	MOTE Annual Fee \$85 Begins
July 2024 (ASCeXAM, Advanced PTEeXAM, & Basic PTEeXAM)	2025	2026
January 2025 (CCEeXAM)	2026	2027
July 2025 (ASCeXAM, Advanced PTEeXAM)	2026	2027
January 2026 (CCEeXAM)	2027	2028
July 2026 (ASCeXAM, Advanced PTEeXAM, & Basic PTEeXAM)	2027	2028

Questions and More Information:

If you have further questions or need more information about the Testamur process, please email info@echoboards.org.

If you have general questions about MOTE or your status, please contact MOCE@echoboards.org.