PRIOR TO THE EXAMINATION:

Schedule a Test Appointment on Dec. 21, 2015
On December 21, 2015, you will receive an email invitation from the ABO to schedule the time and location of your March 29, 2016 exam. Please add the ABO domain (@abop.org) to your safe senders list. Please schedule your appointment immediately upon receipt of this message to ensure that you receive your preferred location.

Prometric Center Locations
Prior to receiving your email with specific Prometric Center information, you can view the current Prometric Center locations at http://prometric.com/ABO/default.htm. This link is also available on the homepage of the ABO website. Centers are located in the United States, Puerto Rico and Canada.

Review the WQE Tutorial
A practice examination tutorial is available on the ABO web site under the Written Qualifying Examination. Please take time to review this and other important information prior to taking the WQE. The tutorial will also be available at the test site the day of the exam.

Be Aware of Cancellation/No-Show and Rescheduling Policy and Fees
You will not be charged a reschedule fee if you reschedule or cancel your appointment at least 30 days before your scheduled test date. If you reschedule your appointment time or change your test center location 29 to 6 days prior to your scheduled appointment, you must pay Prometric a $25 admin fee at the time that you cancel or reschedule that appointment. If you change or cancel your appointment 5 to 1 day(s) prior to your scheduled appointment, you must pay Prometric a $110 fee at the time that you cancel or reschedule your appointment. In most cases, late rescheduling will not be possible. To reschedule the time of your appointment, please contact Prometric directly at 1-800-345-2904 or reschedule via the website at www.Prometric.com/ABO. You can not reschedule on the day of your scheduled appointment.

ON THE DAY OF THE EXAMINATION:

Bring ID to Your Exam Appointment
You must present an unexpired, U.S. or Canadian (in English) government-issued form of identification (such as a driver’s license or passport) that includes your photograph and signature. This identification must match your first and last name as it appears on your Status Page. The only acceptable difference would be the presence of a middle name, middle initial or suffix. You will not be admitted to the test without this ID. Additionally, candidates may be photographed at the site.

Do Not Bring Anything Else to the Test Center
The test center will provide you with whiteboards for writing that must be returned at the end of your session. All personal belongings (purses, bags, wallets, phones, pagers, etc.) will be placed in a test center locker. Neither test center staff nor the ABO is responsible for lost personal items. No watches may be worn into the exam. The ABO recommends that you limit the personal items with you into the testing center. Accessing written materials or electronic devices at any time during the examination, including scheduled and unscheduled breaks, is strictly prohibited. Such action may invalidate your WQE scores.

Allow Up to Five Hours for Your Test Appointment
The total appointment time is 5 hours, which includes 30 minutes for candidate check-in, tutorial, break, optional survey and check-out. The actual testing time is 4 hours and 30 minutes, divided into two sections of up to 2 hours 15 minutes each. The examination consists of 250 multiple-choice questions. When a test section closes you may not return to it. Should you require an unscheduled break during the examination, the exam clock does not stop.

Be Mindful of the ABO’s Non-Disclosure Policy
You are not permitted to give or receive assistance during the examination. All ABO examinations and examination materials are confidential and protected by copyright law. You are prohibited from disclosing, publishing, reproducing, or transmitting any ABO examination or examination materials, in whole or in part, in any form or by any means, verbal, written or by memory, electronic or mechanical, for any purpose. Failure to comply with these rules could ultimately prohibit you from attaining Certification.

AFTER THE EXAMINATION:

Results
The mailing address on file with the ABO is the address to which your exam score will be sent approximately eight weeks after the exam (results are typically sent in late May). The ABO cannot expedite the mailing of individual scores. You may update your mailing and email addresses at any time by logging into the ABO website, www.abop.org. Please note that no results may be given by phone, fax or email. Notify the ABO immediately of any address changes to prevent an unnecessary delay in the receipt of your results.

Check Your Oral Examination Assignment
Upon passing the WQE, you will move on to the Oral Examination. Your assignment for this exam is based on your geographic location and the availability of space.