

# 2025 ACVIM CARDIOLOGY SPECIALTY EXAMINATION

## Candidate Preparation Information

The information below is provided to help prepare for the Cardiology Specialty Examination. Information pertaining to the exam schedule, administration, use of translational dictionaries, and special accommodation requests can be located on the Cardiology Candidate landing page on the ACVIM website:

<https://www.acvim.org/resources-for/candidates/cardiology>

## Exam Structure and Scoring

The Cardiology Specialty Examination is a single-section compensatory exam worth a total of 300 points. Exam questions may be a combination of multiple-choice and other machine-scorable item types (i.e., fill in the blank, selecting from a list, etc.), along with open-response (short answer) items.

The pass point for the Cardiology Specialty Exam is determined by either a standard setting process where Cardiology Diplomates rate the examination based on the definition of the minimal level of competence or a statistical procedure called equating which is used to adjust for any differences in the level of difficulty across examination forms. The pass point is approved by the ACVIM Certification Council.

ACVIM has adopted a standardized scoring range for all certification exams. This change ensures greater consistency and transparency in score reporting.

For more information on scaled scoring, visit [ACVIM Exam Scaled Scoring Information](#)

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