

2025 ACVIM SMALL ANIMAL INTERNAL MEDICINE SPECIALTY EXAMINATION

Candidate Preparation Information

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

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

Exam Structure and Scoring

The Small Animal Internal Medicine Specialty Examination is a single-section compensatory exam worth a total of 200 points. Exam questions may be a combination of multiple-choice and other 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 Small Animal Internal Medicine Specialty Examination is determined by a standard setting process where SAIM 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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