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Effective January 1, 2020, physicians will be able to apply for the ARDMS Abdomen, Breast, Fetal Echocardiography, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Pediatric Sonography, Adult Echocardiography, and Vascular Technology examinations under the **old** and **new** physicians prerequisites. Effective July 1, 2020, the current physician prerequisites 4A1, 4A2, 4B1, 4B2 will no longer be valid and the new prerequisite will be the only ARDMS prerequisite for physicians.

You can find information below about the basic details of the prerequisite. For more complete information, visit [ARDMS.org/new-ardms-physician-prerequisite](https://www.ardms.org/new-ardms-physician-prerequisite).

Education	Required Clinical Ultrasound/ Vascular Experience	Required Documentation	Prerequisite
MD, DO, or MBBS Degree	Minimum of 500 clinical diagnostic studies/cases in the applied for specialty area completed over a minimum of 6 months.	MD/DO license or MBBS degree Letter CV Form Patient Log - in case of audit	Physician Prerequisite

Note: Please check full requirements and policies in the How To Apply Guide. Clinical diagnostic settings include hospitals, clinics and private practices. ARDMS does not accept volunteer, instructorship, unpaid barter or veterinarian experience. Simulation is not available for this purpose.

## Required Documentation Details

1. Copy of a valid MD, DO License, or MBBS Degree to practice.
2. Letter verifying completion of clinical ultrasound/vascular experience. Please see [sample letters](#) for specific requirements.
3. Signed and completed clinical verification (CV) form for each appropriate specialty area(s), CV forms are available at [ARDMS.org/CV](https://www.ardms.org/CV).
4. Applicants must maintain a patient log indicating that he/she has performed a minimum of 500 clinical diagnostic studies/cases. This log does not need to be submitted with the application but may be requested as part of a random audit. This documentation should be maintained by the applicant for at least 36 months following the date of application.

## Impartiality

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