



**National Commission on Recognition
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**Report of the Recognized Dental
Specialty Certifying Boards**

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INTRODUCTION

The National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certify Boards *Annual Report of the Recognized Dental Specialty Certifying Boards* contains information collected from the nine (9) recognized dental specialty certifying boards. This report contains data current as of December 31, 2019. This report is updated annually and summarizes the following information about each of the nine (9) recognized dental specialty certifying boards:

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THE NATIONAL COMMISSION RECOGNIZED DENTAL SPECIALTY CERTIFYING BOARDS AND KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THE REPORT

- American Board of Dental Public Health (DPH)
- American Board of Endodontics (ENDO)
- American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology (OMP)
- American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology (OMR)
- American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMS)
- The American Board of Orthodontics (ORTHO)
- American Board of Pediatric Dentistry (PED)
- American Board of Periodontology (PERIO)
- American Board of Prosthodontics (PROS)

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**2019 CERTIFICATION AND EXAMINATION
SUMMARY AND HISTORICAL DATA**

	DPH	ENDO	OMP	OMR	OMS	ORTHO	PED	PERIO	PROS
Founding Date	1950	1956	1948	1979	1946	1929	1940	1940	1946
Year of ADA Approval of Certifying Board	1951	1964	1950	2000	1948	1950	1948	1948	1948
Number First time Certified Without Examination From Founding Date	12	34	7	12	15	98	7	0	69
Number First Time Certified by Examination Through 12/31/19	10	2232	560	199	8824	8767	6978	4468	2202
Total First Time Certified Through 12/31/19	303	2266	567	214	8925	8865	6985	4468	2271
Number Deceased, Dropped or Placed on Inactive Roll Through 12/31/19	77	430	209	15	936	3909	316	1019	430
Number of Active Diplomates as of 12/31/19	166	1392	300	185	5467	3778	6618	3283	1081
Number of Life/Emeritus Diplomates, if applicable	60	0	80	12	Does not offer status	1161	359	Does not offer this category	396
Number of Retired Diplomates, if applicable	Same as Life	509	Not Tracked	Not Tracked	2364	1323	352	440	0
Total Number of Diplomates Recertified/Certification Maintenance Since Inception	49	207	61	188	4693	1240	5326	5414*	Unsure

Comments:

***PERIO:** *Beginning May 2013 candidates who successfully complete the Oral Examination are awarded time-limited certificates of six (6) years. Diplomates must complete Recertification in the sixth year or lose diplomate status and will be required to begin the certification process again. Diplomates who were awarded certificates prior to May 2013 will continue to have certificates which are not time limited, however must meet required recertification requirements every six years to avoid placement on inactive status.

2019 CERTIFICATION PATHWAYS AND APPLICATIONS

	DPH	ENDO	OMP	OMR	OMS	ORTHO	PED	PERIO	PROS
Number Certified Through Traditional Pathway (CODA Graduate) in 2019	10	103	0	9	249	347	339	159	42
Number Certified Through Alternative Pathway in 2019	0	1	7	N/A	0	Does not offer pathway	0	Does not offer pathway	0
Number <u>Deceased</u>, <u>Dropped</u> or Placed on Inactive Roll	20	2	7	N/A	146	44	114	11	3
Number Who Became Retired, if applicable	Same as Life	33	Does not Track	N/A	112	73	8	46	0
Number Who Became Life/Emeritus Diplomates, if applicable	3	0	11	N/A	Does not offer status	Is not offered as a category	42	Does not offer status	19
Number of Applications Received	31	322	17	N/A	716	422	469	220	195
Number of Acceptable Applications Received	29	322	17	N/A	716	422	469	220	195
Number of Unacceptable Applications	1	0	0	N/A	Does not accept incomplete applications	0	0	0	0
Number Recertified/Certification Maintenance in 2019	5	30	6	5	92	98	517	115	78

Comments:

2019 Certification Pathways for Graduates of Non-CODA Accredited Advanced Dental Education Programs

Dental Public Health

Satisfactory completion of a graduate-level degree program in public health from an institution outside the United States that is equivalent to a Master of Public Health degree. This must be followed by satisfactory completion of a residency program in dental public health accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation. The advanced education program's content shall include biostatistics, epidemiology, health care policy and management, environmental health, and behavioral sciences.

Endodontics

Graduates of an Advanced Endodontics Program that has not been accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation may apply for certification by the American Board of Endodontics under the following conditions:

- 1) The candidate must submit satisfactory evidence of completion of an Advanced Endodontic Program that is equivalent to a program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).
- 2) The candidate must have a license to practice dentistry in a state or a teaching institution in the United States.
- 3) In addition, the candidate must have either a) spent at least one year as an advanced standing resident in an Advanced Endodontics Program accredited by CODA or b) spent two years as a full-time Endodontics faculty member in a dental school accredited by CODA.

In either of these situations, two letters of support must be submitted on behalf of the candidate from 1) a Department Chair of Endodontics or an Endodontic Postgraduate Program Director who is a Diplomate of the ABE (if the candidate is a Department Chair or Program Director, then the letter of recommendation may be from a Chair or Program Director at another dental school), and 2) the Dean of the dental school in which the candidate has been employed or has been an advanced standing resident

Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology

A candidate must show evidence of satisfactory completion of an OMR advanced education program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation or the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada.

Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology

Section 5. Advanced Training Outside the United States and/or Canada. In exceptional circumstances, an applicant who has not met the requirements outlined in Article X, Section 1.a. may appeal to the Board for special consideration. Applicants in this category will be expected to have completed a full time course of study in oral and maxillofacial pathology of not less than three years duration {in a non-*Commission on Dental Accreditation* (CODA/CDAC) OMP program} and to have spent an additional year in an advanced training program in oral and maxillofacial pathology approved by the CODA/CDAC. The unanimous approval of the Board of Directors is required for such applicants to be admitted to the certification examination. Requirements of Article X, Section 1.b. and c. also apply.

2019 Certification Pathways for Graduates of Non-CODA Accredited Advanced Dental Education Programs (cont)

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Applicants for certification by the ABOMS must be graduates of a U.S. or Canadian dental program recognized by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) or from a foreign dental school that provides equivalent educational backgrounds. Applicants must have completed advanced educational oral and maxillofacial surgery (OMS) programs accredited by CODA.

Applicants trained in programs not accredited by CODA must provide verification that their OMS training was of equivalent educational backgrounds. In addition, these applicants must complete 1) at least 12 months of OMS training at the senior resident level in a CODA-accredited program, which is verified by the program director. The program director must also verify that all of the program's educational requirements have been met by said applicant to the satisfaction of the ABOMS; or 2) an accredited fellowship that is a minimum of 12 months duration which is verified by the program director, or 3) 12 consecutive months as a full-time faculty member in an CODA-accredited OMS training program during the past 2 years which is verified by the department chairman in OMS.

Pediatric Dentistry

- 1) Completion of advanced education in Pediatric Dentistry which has been approved by the American Dental Association/Commission on Dental Accreditation or the Commission of Dental Accreditation of Canada (CDAC).
- 2) Internationally trained Pediatric Dentist (from a non-accredited ADA/CODA or CDAC specialty program) should contact a Program Director of an ADA/CODA or CDAC approved training program in Pediatric Dentistry and request advanced placement or credit by examination leading to certification of completion of the program.
- 3) Internationally trained Pediatric Dentist (from a non-accredited ADA/CODA or CDAC specialty programs) who has been a full-time faculty member in an accredited ADA/CODA or CDAC pediatric dentistry training program for 12 consecutive months during the past 2 years with verification by the Department Chair in Pediatric Dentistry.

NOTE: For items 1, 2, and 3 the pediatric dentist MUST provide evidence of an active license (with expiration date) to engage in the practice of dentistry and a copy of the certification of completion of the training program – both must be notarized as official duplications. These documents must be included with the application of Board Candidacy and a completed Credentialing Survey.

2019 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

	DPH	ENDO	OMP	OMR	OMS	ORTHO	PED	PERIO	PROS
EDUCATION									
Years of Advanced Education in Addition to DDS/DMD Degree	2	2-3	2	2	4-6	2	2	3	3
EXPERIENCE									
Total Years of Specialty Experience Including Advanced Education*	2	2-3	0	2	5	3	2	3	3
OTHER									
Citizenship	No	No	No	No	Any	No	Yes	No	N/A
State Licensure	No	Any	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	N/A
Certification Pathway for Graduates of Non-CODA Accredited Advanced Education Programs	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	N/A

*Advanced Education refers to postdoctoral education programs accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation

2019 EXAMINATION PROCEDURES

	DPH	ENDO	OMP	OMR	OMS	ORTHO	PED	PERIO	PROS
Written Examination	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Oral Examination	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Clinical Examination: (Case-based, images, slides, etc)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Only requires passing oral and written	Yes
Other: Describe Under Comments	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes Online certification Renewal Exam/Continuing Education Requirements	No	Only requires passing oral and written	N/A

Comments:

OMS:

COMSSAT – Prior to applying for the Recertification Examination (RE), the Diplomate have the option to complete the ABOMS self-assessment tool (COMSSAT). The COMSSAT is web based and delivered within a specified period of time and is optional to anyone who is in the Certification Maintenance process. Registration for the COMSSAT opens on the ABOMS website at the same time as the RE application

OMSITE – The Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery In-Service Training Examination (OMSITE) is a secure examination developed for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residents. The OMSITE is administered to all registered residents in accredited OMS training programs in the US and Canada. It is an examination of knowledge not a self-assessment or a study tool.

The Certificate of Added Qualifications (CAQ) in Head and Neck Oncologic and Reconstructive Surgery is a new ABOMS credential, implemented in 2016. The goal of the CAQ is to inform both the public and our colleagues that those qualified to hold this advanced certification have completed significant additional specialty training, a robust certification examination process, and are qualified to practice Head and Neck Oncologic and Reconstructive Surgery as a focused area of the specialty of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. This certification does not imply exclusion of other practitioners of either Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery or other disciplines without this credential. **This examination is given every other year. THIS WAS NOT GIVEN IN 2019**

**2019 EXAMINATION TYPE AND
NUMBER OF CANDIDATES**

	DPH	ENDO	OMP	OMR	OMS	ORTHO	PED	PERIO	PROS
Written Examination									
Total Number of Candidates	32	223	17	25	314	422	555	209	165
Written Examination									
Total Number Passed	24	220	16	8	272	406	461	201	142
Oral Examination									
Total Number of Candidates	13	140	Has microscope exam instead	0	302	323	458	191	205
Oral Examination									
Total Number Passed	10	108	Has microscope exam instead	0	249	250	349	159	178
Clinical Examination: (Case-based, images, slides, etc)									
Total Number of Candidates	Not a clinical area of dentistry	122	17	13	100 Is reported as recertification examination	149	N/A*	Oral Examination includes case studies, images and slides	Combined with Oral Exam
Clinical Examination: (Case-based, images, slides, etc)									
Total Number Passed	Not a clinical area of dentistry	103	16	9	92 Is reported as recertification examination	97	N/A*	Oral Examination includes case studies, images and slides	Combined with Oral Exam

Comments:

PED: *The American Board of Pediatric Dentistry offers one Oral Clinical Examination with case-based images, slides, etc. in an oral format.

2019 APPLICATION AND REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

	DPH	ENDO	OMP	OMR	OMS	ORTHO	PED	PERIO	PROS
Application Fee	\$350	\$275	\$1000	\$250		\$400	0	\$2100	\$250
Administrative Fee	0		0	\$600		\$2615	0	0	
Qualifying Exam Application Fee, if applicable					\$675			\$850	
Qualifying Exam Fee, if applicable					\$1600				
Qualifying Examination Re-examination Fee, if applicable								\$850	
Qualifying Examination Reschedule Fee, if applicable								\$450	
Oral Examination Application Fee, if applicable					\$450			\$2100	\$500
Oral Examination Exam Fee, if applicable					\$280				
Oral Examination Re-examination Fee, if applicable								\$2100	
Oral Examination Reschedule Fee, if applicable								\$650	
Written Examination Fee, if applicable						\$740			\$500
Clinical Examination Fee, if applicable						\$1875			
Annual Registration Fee, if applicable								\$275	
Late Registration Fee, if applicable								\$100	
Reactivation Fee, if applicable								\$75	
Recertification Fee, if applicable						\$500		\$250	
Total Fee to Become Diplomate	\$1800	\$2000	\$1000	\$1850		\$3015	\$2700	\$2950	\$2250
Number of Years Application is Valid	5	3yrs each part	5	3	QE: 2 OC: 3 Recert: 3	5	5	2	6
Re-examination Fee	\$400	Same as exam fees	\$1000	\$600	\$1100	\$2615	0	\$2100	\$500 for each section

Eligibility Determined By: Board= BD Board Committee=BC Executive Director= ED	BD	BC	BC	BD	BC	BD	BD	BD	BD
Candidates Notified of Results Within Number of Weeks	2	3-5	4	4	4-6	8	6	8	3
Annual Fee for Diplomates	\$275	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$200	\$260	\$200	\$275	\$325

PERIO: In 2018 the Board approved significant rate changes for both the written and oral examination. Fees were approved to be implemented for examinations offered in 2019. Applications for the 2019 oral exam were due by October 31, 2018 and included the increased rate. 2019 applicants will pay an overall fee of \$2,550 (\$450 for the written exam taken in 2018 and \$2,100 for the oral exam). 2020 candidates will pay a total fee of \$2,950 (\$850 for the written and \$2,100 for the oral).

2019 RE-EXAMINATION POLICIES

DENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH

Candidates who fail the examination will be accepted for one re-examination. Candidates who fail the re-examination will be required to submit evidence of further formal training or supervised field experience before being accepted for an additional re-examination. Candidates who apply for the written exam only may retake the written examination for a total of three times.

ENDODONTICS

Candidates who fail one component of the examination will be accepted for re-examination in that component if the period of board eligibility for that component has not expired. Failure to pass a re-examination in a single component results in termination of the candidate's board eligibility. Candidates may re-establish Board Eligibility on a two-time basis.

ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL PATHOLOGY

Candidates who fail the examination may retake it each year within the five-(5) year period dating from the time of initial application.

ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL RADIOLOGY

Candidates who fail to successfully complete Part 1 may be permitted, on written request to the Board and payment of a re-examination fee, to repeat Part 1. Candidates who fail to successfully complete Part 2 may be permitted, on written request to the Board and payment of a re-examination fee, to repeat Part 2 for a maximum of two (2) consecutive years. A candidate failing Part 1 or 2 who wishes to repeat Part 1 or Part 2 must submit a written, signed request to the Board, through the Secretary/Treasurer by July 15. A re-examination fee of \$600 USD for Part 1 and \$1000 USD for Part 2 for permission to repeat these parts must accompany the request. A candidate who fails Part 1 or Part 2 three (3) times and who wishes to challenge the examination again must resubmit an application as a new Part 1 applicant. Eligibility for re-examination will be at the discretion of the Directors who will review evidence of additional study and experience to support candidacy for re-examination.

ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY

Qualifying Examination

A candidate who fails the Qualifying Examination may retake the examination within a two-year period, then the application is void. Once an application is void, the applicant will no longer be considered a "Candidate." Individuals who re-apply will regain "Candidate" status upon successful completion of the qualifying examination.

Oral Certifying Examination

Once a Candidate successfully completed their Qualifying Examination they are eligible to begin their application for the Oral Certifying Examination. A Candidate has three consecutive years following successful completion of the Qualifying Examination in which to take and pass the Oral Certifying Examination. The ABOMS administrative office must receive the completed Oral Certification Examination application by a specified deadline. A Candidate who does not take and pass the Oral Certifying Examination within the three-year period must re-apply for Board certification. Individuals who are required to re-apply will regain "Candidate" status upon successfully completing the Qualifying Examination.

The Board shall determine the requirements and qualifications for re-examination of any candidate and its decision shall be final.

2019 RE-EXAMINATION POLICIES (cont)

ORTHODONTICS AND DENTOFACIAL ORTHOPEDICS

Examinees who do not successfully complete the written examination in five years from date of application must re-apply. Examinees may repeat the examination as many times as the examination is available in the five-year established time frame. After successful completion of the written examination, there is no time-limit or expiration date for completing the clinical examination.

Examinees who took the final offerings of the traditional case-based clinical exam held in 2019 and did not successfully complete all required case criteria were given a time limit and two attempts to resubmit cases for incomplete criteria. If unsuccessful, examinees will be required to register for the scenario-based clinical exam.

Scenario-based clinical exam results are presented in a pass/fail format which is based on minimum performance criteria. If an examinee is unsuccessful on the examination, he or she will be provided with feedback outlining their level of success on the four main domains of the examination. Examinees must re-take the entire examination in order to pass, and will not have the ability to be re-tested on individual sections. Reliability, validity and objectivity are assessed by an independent psychometric examination consulting company.

PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY

Qualifying Exam (QE): The Candidate who is unsuccessful with the QE can retake the examination annually in years 1 through 4 of their eligibility period. The Candidate must be successful with the QE prior to sitting for the OCE.

Oral Clinical Exam (OCE): The Candidate who is unsuccessful with the OCE can retake the examination annually within their eligibility period. If unsuccessful with the OCE during their eligibility period, the Candidate will need to start the process over.

PERIODONTICS

Qualifying Examination: Candidates who fail the Qualifying Examination may apply and take the examination again.

Oral Examination: Candidates who fail the oral examination in the last year of eligibility. (2 years without extension: 3 years if extension is granted), will be required to restart the Certification Examination process by retaking and successfully completing the ABP Qualifying Examination.

PROSTHODONTICS

Should a candidate fail all or any part(s) of the examination, s/he may apply at any time for re-examination and pay the appropriate fee for each part. If the candidate is unsuccessful in one or two parts, they can be reexamined in that part(s) only at a subsequent Board examination. Relative to the examination, Section B candidates that present an acceptable patient presentation but perform an unacceptable oral examination will be required to successfully complete a 40 minute repeat oral examination focused predominantly on the section failed, but open to all concepts in general prosthodontics and related sciences. This examination will be given at a subsequent Board examination. A failure on any patient presentation will require that the candidate present a new patient treatment or retreatment of the same patient at a subsequent examination.

2019 RECERTIFICATION/CERTIFICATION MAINTENANCE POLICIES

DENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH

Beginning in 2017, recertification by the Board requires completion of an average fifteen (15) hours annually of continuing education from an approved CERP or public health organization over a ten-year period (150 hours, total, for recertification). Scholarly activity, such as manuscripts published in peer-reviewed journals, presentations at scientific meetings and providing continuing education courses and lectures will be counted toward the 150 hour requirement.

In addition, the Board initiated a voluntary recertification program for all diplomates certified prior to January 1, 2000. These diplomates are requested to seek voluntary recertification within ten (10) years beginning in 2010. Upon review of the diplomates' recertification credentials, the American Board of Dental Public Health will issue a supplemental certificate that will remain valid for ten (10) years.

ENDODONTICS

Applicants making Preliminary Application on or after January 1, 1997 will be required to be recertified every ten years from the date they are declared Diplomates by the ABE. The purpose of recertification is to ensure that Diplomates are current in the science and clinical practice of the specialty of endodontics.

During the 10-year recertification period, 25 credits or 150 continuing education hours must be earned by the Diplomates to meet the re-certification criteria. A maximum of 8.5 credits or 50 continuing education hours are allowed/counted annually.

Diplomates who submitted Preliminary Applications prior to January 1, 1997, and complete the examination process without having to make a second Preliminary Application after January 1, 1997, are not subject to recertification. However, the Directors of the American Board of Endodontics encourage all Diplomates to seek and maintain the highest level of knowledge of technical skills in the specialty of endodontics.

ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL PATHOLOGY

It is the position of the ABOMP that oral pathology-related continuing education and practice experience are required to maintain knowledge after successful completion of the certification process. The Certification Maintenance (CM) program is directed primarily toward those oral and maxillofacial pathologists with time-limited certificates (certificate received in 2004 or after). The process will be open, however, to all certified Diplomates. A Diplomate who holds a non-time-limited/lifetime certificate will not put that certificate in jeopardy by participating in the CM program.

Certification Maintenance will be based on three components:

1. Evidence of professional standing. Diplomates of the ABOMP must maintain a current license or a teaching license to practice dentistry in at least one jurisdiction of the United States, its territories, or Canada. Diplomates who do not have a current license or teaching license but have a faculty appointment, or are enrolled full-time in a post-graduate educational program at an accredited dental or medical school may substitute evidence of academic appointment or standing. Diplomates practicing outside the United States or Canada must maintain an equivalent license to practice dentistry issued by their respective jurisdictions.

2. Evidence of commitment to lifelong learning and involvement in periodic self-assessment (organized continuing education [CE] and self-learning). Each Diplomate must maintain a minimum of 40 hours every 2 years of pathology-related continuing education sponsored by the AAOMP, or by an ADA/CERP-approved provider, or AGD/PACE accredited courses that are pathology related, or by an organization or institution accredited by the AMA Council on Medical Education. Diplomates practicing outside the United States must maintain 40 hours of equivalent continuing education every two years. As many as 5 hours per year may be earned as faculty participating in these CE programs.

2019 RECERTIFICATION/CERTIFICATION MAINTENANCE POLICIES (cont)

ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL PATHOLOGY (cont)

As part of those 40 hours, each Diplomate must participate each year in at least one diagnostic oral and maxillofacial pathology self-assessment program acceptable to the ABOMP, as defined by the Board of Directors. Acceptable programs are:

1. ABOMP Head and Neck Case Review Program
2. AAOMP Continuing Competency Assurance Program

No more than 2 (ABOMP and AAOMP) slide programs will be accepted as CE in any given year. Virtual slide programs related to Head and Neck Pathology may be available from the College of American Pathologists (CAP) and the United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology (USCAP). To make up additional missing CM hours, Diplomates may log onto the USCAP eLearning site and see the list of CE programs available. After paying for the course, they will take it and once completed, be issued a certificate. Courses that are suitable for ABOMP CE credit will be determined by a simple majority vote of the Board of Directors. If there are any questions regarding the eligibility of the course please contact the Board prior to registering for the course.

3. Evidence of cognitive expertise (certification maintenance examination). The CM examination is mandatory, will be given annually at the AAOMP meeting, as well as remotely via computer testing hardware, and must be taken no later than ten years after initial (or most recent) certification. The examination may be taken as soon as seven years after the most recent certification, giving the Diplomate the opportunity to take the CM examination up to four times. The exact nature of the CM examination will retain the ability to evolve. However, the exam will contain questions related to:

- Fundamental knowledge
- Current and clinically valid practice-related knowledge, including information new to the field designed to evaluate the Diplomate's lifelong learning and self-assessment experience.

The CM examination will be a closed-book assessment based on knowledge that a competent oral pathologist would be expected to possess without access to reference material. It will consist of 50 multiple choice questions with illustration when appropriate.

The certification maintenance program is a continuous process and consists of a microscopic slide component, which is a yearly requirement, 40 hours of pathology-related continuing education, which is a two-year continuing requirement, as well as a successful challenge of the CM exam within a 10-year cycle. A Diplomate will be allowed to sit for the certification maintenance examination in years 7 - 10 of his/her 10-year CM examination cycle. Regardless of the date at which the CM process is completed, the anniversary dates for CM examination cycle will be derived from the initial certification date. For example, a Diplomate who is initially certified in 2004 and completes all CM requirements in 2011 (their 7th year in the cycle) will start their 10-year CM examination cycle again in 2015.

Certification Maintenance is a continuous and ongoing process. Diplomates who do not remain current with CM requirements will lose their Board certification based on the following criteria:

- Failure to participate in an approved annual slide program. If the deficiency is not made up within a 12-month grace period, Diplomates will lose their Board certification.
- Failure to complete 40 hours of CE every 2 years. If the deficiency is not made up within a 12-month grace period, Diplomates will lose their Board certification.
- Failure to successfully pass the certification maintenance examination within years 7 - 10 of the 10-year CM examination cycle. There is no grace period.

2019 RECERTIFICATION/CERTIFICATION MAINTENANCE POLICIES (cont)

ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL PATHOLOGY (cont)

Individuals dropped from the diplomate roll may continue to participate in CM activities and may request to be recertified when all CM requirements have been satisfied. Such a request must occur within five years of loss of certification. If such an individual wishes to regain certification after five years, he/she must retake the initial certification examination. There will be no time-limit to become compliant with CM and no requirement to take additional training.

Diplomates with time-limited certificates who are granted emeritus status will not be required to participate in CM activities, but emeritus diplomates who wish to return to active diplomate status, will be required to participate in all parts of the CM process and complete the certification maintenance examination within one year of returning to active status.

ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL RADIOLOGY

The American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology (ABOMR) strongly values continuing education and expresses so in its mission statement. Compliance with continuing education requirements and other professional activities directed toward maintaining and increasing knowledge, skills and competence in OMR shall be required of all active Diplomates. Attainment of at least 50 points over a three year period is required for recertification. Diplomates will be responsible for maintaining their own records and documentation. The ABOMR Recertification Committee has been instructed to audit 5% of active Diplomates annually. These Diplomates will be required to submit documented proof of CEU attainment to the Committee. Diplomates who fail to meet the requirements will be placed on a one-year probation period, and appeals can be made during that time. Failure to comply with the requirements at the end of the probation period may result in revocation of certification as a Diplomate. The Board of Directors will consider petitions from individuals who may have extenuating circumstances for not meeting their obligations.

CEUs derived from CE activities are calculated using the following guidelines:

1. Attendance at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology, or other national or international conferences, CE course, seminars or workshops related to OMR (1 CEU per hour of credit awarded)
2. CE courses or other presentations given related to OMR (2 CEUs per hour of CE given; 2 CEUs per abstract poster or oral abstract presentation)
3. Publications dealing with OMR
 - a. Primary/first author in a peer-reviewed journal; book; book chapter; monograph (10 CEUs per publication)
 - b. Contributing author in a peer-reviewed journal; book; book chapter, monograph (5 CEUs per publication)
 - c. Primary/first author in a non-refereed publication (5 CEUs per publication)

A minimum of 20 points in 3 years must be earned from activities #1-#3.

4. Teaching
 - a. Full time faculty status (10 CEUs per academic year)
 - b. Part time faculty status (1 CEU per half day per week per academic year)
5. Clinical Practice in OMR
 - a. Full time (10 CEUs per year)
 - b. Part time (1 CEU per half day per week per year)

A maximum number of 30 points in 3 years may be earned from activities #4-#5.

ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY

The Board implemented a Certification Maintenance (CM) in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery program. The CM runs in 10-year cycles. The components of the CM process are:

Professional Standing

The Diplomate provides evidence of professional standing on an annual basis when the Diplomate submits his/her annual registration. Credentialing information provided indicates whether a Diplomate has an unrestricted medical and/or dental license and current hospital privileges permitting performance of core procedures in oral and maxillofacial surgery.

2019 RECERTIFICATION/CERTIFICATION MAINTENANCE POLICIES (cont)

Lifelong Learning and Self-Assessment

The Diplomate must show evidence that 90 hours of continuing education have been completed within three years of applying for the Recertification Examination.

The Diplomate must show evidence of completion of the ABOMS self-assessment tool (COMSSAT) that will be web based and delivered in a specified period of time. This is a self-assessment. No scores are required nor reported. The COMSSAT must be completed before the Diplomate can apply for the Recertification Examination.

Cognitive Expertise

The Diplomate must successfully complete the Recertification Examination (RE). The RE must be successfully completed by the 10th anniversary of the original certificate date, but no earlier than the 8th anniversary of that date. Diplomates will have three (3) consecutive opportunities to take and pass the Recertification Examination. Upon successful completion of the RE and the Certification Maintenance process, a new certificate will be issued that will certify the Diplomate for ten (10) years following the expiration of their current certificate.

Evaluation of Performance in Practice

A Diplomate must show evidence of practice performance by completing an Office Anesthesia Evaluation (OAE) program within the timeframe set by the AAOMS or jurisdictional licensing body. Alternative pathways are available for Diplomates unable to participate in the specified OA.

ORTHODONTICS AND DENTOFACIAL ORTHOPEDICS

Certification Renewal Examination (Time-Limited Certifications): The certification renewal exam may be taken no earlier than two (2) years prior to the expiration date printed on the board certified orthodontist's certificate. A new certificate will be awarded stating an expiration date of ten (10) years from the completion of this exam. Any remaining time will be added to the board certified orthodontist's new certificate. Successful completion of this exam is required in order to maintain Board certification status.

Voluntary Certification Renewal Examination (Lifetime Certifications): All lifetime board certified orthodontists are encouraged to voluntarily renew their certification. This is a requirement for all lifetime board certified orthodontists before they are eligible to act as an ABO Examiner and / or ABO Director.

PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY

The Renewal of Certification Process (ROC-P) is a four-part process that includes annual requirements (Parts 1, 2 and 4) and an examination once every 10 years (Part 3). The examination is an "open book" 50-item, multiple choice, web-based examination completed during the ninth year of a diplomates ten (10) year cycle. The examination can be accessed multiple times, but must be completed within a 48-hour period. The Renewal of Certification examination is based on contemporary general knowledge topics in pediatric dentistry.

PERIODONTICS

Statement of compliance to continuing educational requirements and other professional activities directed toward maintaining current knowledge and competence in Periodontics shall be required of all Diplomates, except those in retired status. Failure to meet this requirement will cause the Diplomate to be placed on inactive status. Diplomates are required to meet recertification requirements every six (6) years by attaining BOTH of the following: 1) Completion of the ABP Self Study Recertification Program (SSRP) and 2) at least 60 points of continuing education credit.

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2019 RECERTIFICATION/CERTIFICATION MAINTENANCE POLICIES (cont)

PERIODONTICS (cont)

Beginning May 2013 candidates who successfully complete the Oral Examination will be awarded time-limited certificates of six (6) years. Diplomate must complete Recertification requirements in the sixth year or lose Diplomate status and will be required to begin the certification process again. A one year extension period to complete Recertification may be requested due to extenuating circumstances (i.e. severe illness, etc). Requests will be reviewed by the Directors for approval. Ultimately, granting of a one year extension is at the sole discretion of the Directors.

Diplomates who were awarded certificates prior to May 2013 will continue to have certificates which are not time limited. Diplomates certified prior to 2013 who fail to complete the Recertification requirements on time will result in the individual's Diplomate status being placed into "Suspended" status during which time the individual cannot claim to be "Board Certified". This "Suspended" status will remain in place until the individual completes the Recertification process and is returned to Active Diplomate status. During this time the individual will not be recognized as and cannot claim to be a Board-Certified Diplomate of the American Board of Periodontology. Request for a one year extension to complete the recertification requirement may be requested.

PROSTHODONTICS

Summary - Requirements for Continued Proficiency (Recertification)

A. Continuing Education

All Diplomates, except for those with Life Diplomate status, must obtain at least two hundred forty (240) continuing education hours over an eight (8) year period. A maximum of sixty (60) hours per year may be accumulated in fulfillment of the two hundred forty (240) hour total. Hours may be accrued in the following ways:

- Attendance by the Diplomate at a scientific session sponsored by a major prosthodontic organization (6 hours per day of session attendance).*
- Attendance by the Diplomate at other courses, conferences, or meetings applicable to prosthodontics, preferably courses with "CERP" approval (hours of meeting attendance).*
- Presentation by the Diplomate of invited professional prosthodontics lectures or study club activities related to prosthodontics (hours of presentation).*
- Article publication by the Diplomate in peer-reviewed professional journals. Abstract publications will not be accepted for continuing education points (12 hours per article).*
- Prosthodontic book chapter publication by the Diplomate (6 hours per chapter).*

* A maximum of ninety-six (96) hours in an eight (8) year period may be accrued from article and chapter publications, professional presentations, and study club activities.

Continuing education activity is reported on the Diplomate registration website, www.abpros.org. All Diplomates are responsible for maintaining up-dated documentation of their continuing education activity. To periodically audit reporting accuracy, randomly chosen Diplomates are required to furnish documentation to the ABP supporting the continuing education activities reported.

B. Self-Assessment

Successful completion of an examination focusing on contemporary prosthodontics is required of Diplomates wishing to maintain Active status. A recertification self-assessment must be successfully completed within every eight (8) year recertification period. Successful completion of the recertification assessment requires a score of 70% correct or greater. Each subsequent eight (8) year cycle begins with successful completion of a recertification assessment. The recertification examination will be administered online.