



2025 Full Annual Survey of the Recognized Dental Specialty Certifying Boards

National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards
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Purpose of Annual Survey

The purpose of the Annual Survey is to collect current information on the governance and operations of each of the recognized national certifying boards for dental specialists and to ensure each certifying board's adherence to the *Requirements for Recognition of National Certifying Boards for Dental Specialists*. Data collected via the survey will be compiled and published in the National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards *Annual Report of the Recognized Dental Specialty Certifying Boards* and includes the following information:

- Board Executive Directors/Secretaries
- Current Certifying Board President
- Board of Directors and Certifying Board Bylaws
- Financial Operations
- Application and Registration Procedures
- Outsourcing of Administrative Duties
- Certification of Dentists as Diplomates
- Examination Details
- Current List of Diplomates
- Examination Technical Report related to validity and reliability provided by a psychometrician/statistician
- Policies Related to Test Construction and Evaluation
- Recertification/Certification Maintenance Policies
- Continuing Education Practices and Requirements
- Examination Statistical Data
- Certification and Examination Summary and Historical Data
- Certification and Re-Certification Examination Content
- Certification Pathways and Applications
- Re-Examination Policies
- Eligibility Requirements

Please note that all “not applicable” or “uncertain” responses in the Annual Survey require clarification explaining why that specific response is being submitted. If additional clarification is not provided, the survey will be returned.

The Annual Survey of the Recognized Dental Specialty Certifying Boards is the official historical document submitted by the organization; therefore, the National Commission requests that the organization attach PDF copies of information located on the internet instead of live links to the internet.

RECOGNIZED DENTAL SPECIALTY CERTIFYING BOARDS

- 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)
- American Board of Oral Medicine (OM)
- American Board of Orofacial Pain (OP)
- American Board of Orthodontics (Ortho)
- American Board of Pediatric Dentistry (PD)
- American Board of Periodontology (Perio)
- American Board of Prosthodontics (Pros)
- American Dental Board of Anesthesiology

Submission of the Requested Data

Please submit the requested information through the electronic survey that was distributed via electronic mail on December 1, 2024 to the National Commission by **February 1, 2025 no later than 5:00pm Central Standard Time**. National Commission staff is available to answer questions regarding this application and can be reached on the Association's toll-free number: 800-621-8099, extension 2697 or baumannca@ada.org.

POLICY ON THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CERTIFYING BOARDS

The Annual Survey of the Certifying Boards is collected by the National Commission. The purpose of the annual survey is to collect current information on the governance and operations of each of the national certifying boards for dental specialists and to ensure each certifying board's adherence to the *Requirements for Recognition of National Certifying Boards for Dental Specialists*. Data collected via the survey will be compiled and published in the *NCRDSCB Annual Report of the Recognized Dental Specialty Certifying Boards* including:

- Certification and Examination Data
- Board Executive Directors
- Current Certifying Board President
- Certification Pathways and Applications
- Eligibility Requirements
- Financial Operations
- Examination Procedures
- Examination Type and Number of Candidates
- Application and Registration Procedures
- Validity and Reliability provided by a psychometrician/statistician who has included an introductory letter to accompany documents provided in support of this requirement
- Test Construction and Evaluation
- Certification and Re-Certification Examination Content
- Re-Examination Policies
- Recertification/Certification Maintenance Policies

The recognized certifying boards are required to complete the full Annual Survey every three (3) years. In the intervening years, those certifying boards that are in good standing with the status of "Recognition" will be required to complete a modified version of the Annual Survey that collects information related to:

- Board Executive Directors/Secretaries
- Current Certifying Board President
- Validity and Reliability Evidence, including letter or Examination Technical Report
- Financial Operations
- Examination Statistical Data
- Certification and Examination Summary and Historical Data
- Certification Pathways and Applications

The certifying boards that do not have a status of "Recognition" will be required to complete the full annual survey until they achieve compliance with the *Requirements for Recognition*. Newly recognized certifying boards must show continued compliance on the full Annual Survey for a period of three (3) years before being allowed to complete the modified Annual Survey.

The information used to complete the Annual Report of the Certifying Boards is compiled from the *Annual Survey of the Recognized Dental Specialty Certifying Boards* that each certifying board is required to submit by the prescribed deadline. An initial review of the survey submitted by each certifying board is conducted by the director of the National Commission to determine whether all sections of the survey have been completed, including submission of required documentation showing compliance with the *Requirements for Recognition of National Certifying Boards for Dental Specialists*.

It is the expectation that all certifying boards submit all the required documentation and not intentionally submit an incomplete survey. If documentation is found to be missing, the report will be returned to the certifying board with a request to submit the required documentation within five (5) business days. Failure to comply with the request for the required documentation within the required deadline will result in a change in recognition status.

Adopted 5/18; Revised 3/19, 3/20, 3/21, 3/22

POLICY ON FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH REQUEST FOR INFORMATION AND MISSED DEADLINES

The National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards (National Commission) monitors the recognition of the dental specialty sponsoring organizations through the periodic review of the dental specialties and the certification process of the certifying boards through an annual report. Completion of the National Commission's periodic review and annual report is a requirement for continued participation in the recognition process. So that the National Commission may conduct its recognition program in an orderly fashion, all sponsoring organizations and certifying boards recognized by the National Commission are expected to adhere to deadlines for requests for information and/or submission of reports.

Executive directors who anticipate difficulty in submitting the completed report on time must submit a written request for extension prior to the date on which the report is due. Requests for extension must specify a submission date no later than thirty (30) days beyond the initial deadline date. If the certifying board and/or sponsoring organizations fails to comply with the National Commission's request for information, it will be assumed that the certifying board and/or sponsoring organization no longer wishes to participate in the recognition process. In this event, the National Commission will immediately notify the organization of its intent to withdraw recognition at its next scheduled meeting.

Sponsoring organizations and certifying boards that miss a required deadline and did not submit a written request for extension will be assessed a late fee in the amount of \$1,500, to be paid within 30 days of receiving the invoice/notification. If the sponsoring organization or certifying board does not adhere to the payment deadline, the National Commission will view this as an indication that the organization no longer wishes to participate in the recognition process and will withdraw recognition at its next scheduled meeting.

Adopted 5/18: Revised 3/20, 3/22

Please complete the following contact information for the Certifying Board Executive Director/Secretary

Name of Board Executive Director/Chief Operating Officer/Secretary:

Address:

Phone:

Email Address:

Website Address:

Please complete the following contact information for the Certifying Board President

Name of Certifying Board President:

Term Expiration:

Name of President-Elect:

Requirements for Recognition of National Certifying Boards for Dental Specialists

In order to become, and remain, eligible for recognition by the National Commission as a national certifying board for a dental specialty, the specialty must have a recognized sponsoring organization that meets all of the *Requirements for Recognition of Dental Specialties*. A close working relationship must be maintained between the recognized sponsoring organization and the certifying board. Certifying boards recognized by the National Commission must be able to show continued compliance with all the *Requirements for Recognition of National Certifying Boards for Dental Specialists*.

Following each requirement, please provide a short narrative (as appropriate), complete the appendices, and append the requested documentation current as of December 31, 2024.

Organization of Boards

Requirement 1

An applicant and a recognized certifying board must have no less than five (5) and no more than twelve (12) voting directors/officers designated on a rotation basis in accordance with a method approved by the National Commission. Although the National Commission does not recommend a single method for selecting directors/officers of boards, directors/officers may not serve for more than a total of nine (9) years. All voting directors/officers must be diplomates of that specific certifying board and the certifying board may establish additional criteria/qualifications if they so desire.

Requested documentation to show compliance with the requirement:

- A list of the current voting directors/officers of the board including term starting and expiration dates
- Written full copy of current Board *Bylaws*
- Identify section and page number of the *Bylaws* related to the board members' selection process, length of term, membership criteria, diplomate requirement

Please note that there are several areas in this survey where it pertains to the organizations *Bylaws*. The National Commission requests that the *Bylaws* document only be submitted once under this requirement and requests that the organization identify the specific section and page(s) of the *Bylaws* where the information related to this requirement is located.

Requirement 2

An applicant and a recognized certifying board must have a certification program that is comprehensive in scope and meets the needs of the diplomate practitioners in the recognized specialty and the profession and protects the public. Further, the certifying board must provide evidence of a close working relationship with a recognized specialty sponsoring organization that meets all of the *Requirements for Recognition of Dental Specialties*.

Requested documentation to show compliance with the requirement:

- Identify section and page number of Board *Bylaws* that provides evidence of the certifying boards interdependent close working relationship with the recognized specialty sponsoring organization in the same discipline.

Requirement 3

An applicant and a recognized certifying board must provide evidence of adequate financial viability to conduct its certification program.

Requested documentation to show compliance with the requirement:

- Previous end of year Financial Statement/Audit Report/Treasurer's Report
- Completion of the section related to Application, Registration Procedures and Fees

Please note that a copy of the boards tax return and/or bank statement does not meet this requirement and must not be submitted.

2024 APPLICATION, REGISTRATION PROCEDURES AND FEES

Please ensure that all sections below are answered. If a section does not pertain to your certifying board, please place N/A in those sections.

Application Fee	
Administrative Fee	
Qualifying Exam Application Fee, if applicable	
Qualifying Exam Fee, if applicable	
Qualifying Exam Re-examination Fee, if applicable	
Qualifying Exam Reschedule Fee, if applicable	
Oral Exam Application Fee, if applicable	
Oral Exam Fee, if applicable	
Oral Exam Re-examination Fee, if applicable	
Oral Exam Reschedule Fee, if applicable	
Written Exam Fee, if applicable	
Clinical Exam Fee, if applicable	
Annual Registration Fee, if applicable	
Late Registration Fee, if applicable	
Reactivation Fee, if applicable	
Recertification Fee, if applicable	
Total Fee to Become Diplomate	
Number of Years Application is Valid	
Re-examination Fee	
Eligibility Determined By: Board= BD Board Committee=BC Executive Director =ED	
Candidates Notified of Results Within Number of Weeks	
Annual Fee for Diplomates	

Requirement 4

An applicant and a recognized certifying board may outsource administrative duties to suitable external consultants and/or external agencies to assist in daily operations and/or examination functions. If the certifying board does outsource administrative and/or examination functions, the certifying board must submit documentation describing the process. External and internal consultants who participate in the development and/or administration of certification examinations must be diplomates in the specialty that is being examined. **(This Requirement applies to certifying boards that outsource administrative functions and/or development of the examinations)**

Requested documentation to show compliance with the requirement:

- Identify section and page number of the *Bylaws* related to the process of selecting consultants or agencies and the duties these individuals/agencies fulfill for the organization
- Copy of Annual Report from the individual(s) and/or agency as applicable

If the certifying board does not outsource administrative or examination functions to outside individual(s)/agencies, no evidence of compliance is required.

Operation of Boards

Requirement 1

An applicant and a recognized certifying board must only certify qualified dentists as diplomates in the specialty area recognized by the National Commission. No more than one (1) certifying board will be recognized by the National Commission for the certification of diplomates in a recognized specialty area of practice.

Requested documentation to show compliance with the requirement:

- Mission Statement
- Identify section and page number of the *Bylaws* and/or documents providing evidence that it is only certifying dentists as diplomates

Requirement 2

An applicant and a recognized certifying board must give at least one (1) examination in each calendar year and must announce examination details at least six (6) months in advance of the examination. In extraordinary circumstances, recognized certifying boards may request a conditional waiver of exception from the National Commission.

Requested documentation to show compliance with the requirement:

- Screenshot copy of announcement of examination(s) date and place posted by the certifying board

Requirement 3

An applicant and a recognized certifying board must maintain a current list of diplomates.

Requested documentation to show compliance with the requirement:

- Current roster of diplomates

Requirement 4

An applicant and a recognized certifying board must submit to the National Commission data relative to financial viability and operations, written examination procedures, candidate examination guidelines and procedures, certification and recertification examination content, test construction and evaluation and the reporting of results. Examination procedures and results should follow the Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing, including validity and reliability evidence. A diplomate in good standing may, upon written request, obtain a copy of the annual examination technical and financial reports of the certifying board. The recognized certifying boards will submit the required documentation on a cycle established by the National Commission.

Requested documentation to show compliance with the requirement:

- Written Examination Procedures
- Candidates Brochure/Guidelines/Procedures for Certification Examination
- Policy and/or public statement demonstrating diplomate's ability to obtain, upon written request, information on the board's annual financial viability and technical reports
- Certification and Recertification Examination Content, Guidelines and Procedures, if Candidate Guide is not submitted

Documentation/Policy Related to Test Construction and Evaluation including:

- Validity and Reliability Evidence provided by a psychometrician/statistician who has included an introductory letter to accompany documents provided in support of this requirement
- Documentation/Policy related to Test Development and Revision
- Documentation/Policy related to Test Administration, Scoring and Reporting
- Policies on Fairness in Testing and Test Use
- Policies in the Rights and Responsibilities of Test Takers
- Policies on Testing Individuals of Diverse Linguistic Backgrounds
- Policies on Testing Individuals with Disabilities

In lieu of submitting raw data related to each candidate, please submit a summary of the data.

Requirement 5

An applicant and a recognized certifying board must require diplomates to engage in lifelong learning and shall encourage continuous quality improvement.

Requested documentation to show compliance with the requirement:

- Written Recertification/Certification Maintenance Policies
- Written Continuing Education Practices and Requirements

2024 RECERTIFICATION/CERTIFICATION MAINTENANCE POLICIES

DENTAL ANESTHESIOLOGY

1. Ninety-six (96) ADBA credits of continuing education over any six (6) year recertification cycle are required. Approved courses are granted 1:1 credit, i.e., one (1) ADBA credit for one (1) course credit hour.
 - a. The maximum allowable CE credit per day is 12 hours.
2. At least fifty-eight (58) credits must be in courses directly related to anesthesiology at the anesthesia specialist level. The remaining thirty-eight (38) credits may be courses that are broadly related to anesthesia practice, such as general pharmacology, general medicine, and moderate sedation. Completion of or teaching in high-fidelity human simulation courses in anesthesiology will be awarded 2:1 credit with a maximum of 12.5 simulation credits allowed (25 ADBA credits).
3. A maximum of twenty-four (24) credit hours will be allowed for media-based CE. Examples include video and other presentations that are not live and do not allow real-time bidirectional communication.
4. A maximum of twenty-four (24) credit hours will be allowed for presenting lectures on anesthesia-related subjects. In order for a Diplomate to claim teaching CE, the course must be sponsored by a nationally recognized CE provider, state dental society, or recognized educational institution with appropriate proof of teaching commensurate with ADA CERP guidelines. Examples may include publicity for the course, a copy of the slides, and/or a CE certificate issued. Repetition of the same lecture is not acceptable for additional credit.
 - a. Within these twenty-four (24) credits hours, Diplomates shall be credited for two (2) CE units per year if a full-time dental anesthesia faculty member in a department of anesthesia/dental anesthesia or dental school or one (1) CE unit per year if a part-time dental anesthesia faculty member in a department of anesthesia/dental anesthesia or dental school.
5. A maximum of thirty (30) credit hours will be allowed for publishing in peer-reviewed, national, or international professional anesthesia journals. Five (5) CE credits shall be allowed if the Diplomate is the first author and three (3) CE credits shall be allowed if the Diplomate is other than the first author. Publications must be listed on PubMed or SCOPUS.
6. A maximum of twenty (20) credit hours will be allowed for publishing a textbook chapter on an anesthesia-related topic or being editor of an anesthesia-related textbook. Ten (10) CE credits shall be allowed for each chapter/editorship.
7. Credit awarded by the ADBA for participating as an oral board examiner will be acceptable, the specifics of which are to be determined by the ADBA Board of Directors each year.
8. Successful completion of the Maintenance of Certification in Dental Anesthesia (MOCDA) program in every year of your six-year cycle. See the MOCDA page for additional information.
9. Completion of American Heart Association or American Red Cross sponsored Basic Life Support – Health Care Provider Level (BLS) and either Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) or Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS). Copies of current completion cards are acceptable forms of documentation. **These do not count towards the required 96 hours of CE.**
10. Notification by the Diplomate or their representative if there are any current restrictions to the Diplomate's dental license or general anesthesia permit.
11. Submission of the Board-Approved Application for Recertification no later than the stated Diplomate renewal deadline. **Proof of attendance documentation for all CE courses claimed on a recertification application is required.**

There is no fee for recertification. This service is included in the annual registration fee.

**Clarification and details about the type/content of CE*

For a detailed explanation on approved CE and specific requirements, please review Approved Courses and Recertification FAQs below.

Approved Courses

The board considers nearly all continuing education courses and activities to fall into one of the following categories:

A. Courses That Are Accepted by The Board Without Any Review:

- Attendance at annual sessions or continuing education courses sponsored by the American Society of Dentist Anesthesiologists, American Dental Society of Anesthesiology or state components, International Federation of Dental Anesthesiology Societies and its affiliated societies, Society of Ambulatory Anesthesia, American Society of Anesthesiologists, or its affiliate societies, or International Anesthesia Research Society or its affiliate societies.

B. Courses That Are Accepted Upon Review by The Board:

- A broad range of formal continuing education courses given by other legitimate anesthesiology sponsors directly related to anesthesiology at the anesthesia specialist level.
- A broad range of formal continuing education courses given by legitimate sponsors in subject areas related to anesthesiology, such as general pharmacology, general medicine, and moderate sedation.

C. Courses That Are Not Credited for Recertification:

- Dental study clubs.
- Courses that are not related to anesthesiology, such as dental or oral surgery courses.
- Courses in Basic Life Support, Advanced Cardiac Life Support, and/or Pediatric Advanced Life Support.

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.

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 Diplomates 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.

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 Certification Maintenance program is a comprehensive process providing verification the board certified oral and maxillofacial surgeons are continuously engaged in learning and developing their skills within the specialty. The four (4) objectives of certification Maintenance include:

Professional Standing

Annual Registration is a yearly, online application. Diplomates must provide attestations of professional standing by answering a series of credentialing questions. The credentialing process will indicate whether the Diplomate has an unrestricted dental and/or medical license and maintains continuous hospital privileges that permits the OMS to perform core procedures in oral and maxillofacial surgery. An alternative care plan is offered as an alternative pathway for those who are unable to meet the continuous hospital privileges requirement.

Lifelong Learning and Self-Assessment

Diplomates with limited certificates are required to attest to having 20 hours of continuing education recognized by ADA CERP or AMA certified **each year** on the Diplomates AR application.

In addition to a Diplomates CE attestation, the doctor is required to answer questions from two referenced articles **every year**. Due to copy write issues, articles are not available by ABOMS, rather, the reference is provided for the doctor to use while answering its questions. Many of the references are from resources like the Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. ABOMS **does not** provide a subscription to these outlets. It is the Diplomates responsibility to meet the standards.

A Diplomate must answer **100%** of the questions correctly to successfully meet this requirement and can re-take the questions if needed. The component of CM is available year-round on Diplomates profiles.

Cognitive Expertise

Diplomates are required to complete questions from two clinical case scenarios **during years three, six and nine** of their time limited certificate. Clinical case questions focus on treatment and terminology that reflect modern management of oral and maxillofacial surgery. A Diplomate must answer **80%** of the questions correctly to successfully meet this requirement and can re-take the questions if needed.

Performance in Practice

Quality improvement initiatives and an up-to-date Office Anesthesia Evaluation (OAE) by AAOMS or a jurisdictional licensing body is required to successfully meet this component of CM in **years five and ten**. Diplomates must attest to having an active OAE (or alternative pathways available through ABOMS). The attestation will be displayed on Diplomate profiles listed under *Dues and Renewals*.

In addition to an OAE attestation, a Diplomate will also be asked to attest to quality improvements initiatives.

ORAL MEDICINE

ABOM Diplomates are required to recertify every ten years based on the date they passed the ABOM Board examination. Diplomates who fail to complete the recertification process is considered a "Diplomate not in Good Standing".

1. The Diplomate must be in good standing in order to take the examination. Good standing requires the proper number of continuing education points and current ABOM dues paid. Verification of good standing is the responsibility of the Secretary of the ABOM.
2. All Diplomates must a member in good standing with the American Academy of Oral Medicine.
3. Once your Diplomate status is due for recertification, you will be sent a renewal notice to complete an online recertification form. As part of this process, you must prepare one combined PDF document to satisfy the Continuing Education requirements and upload it to the recertification application form, and pay the recertification fee.
4. The completed application is sent to the Board for review. Once the application is approved by the Board, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions to access our online testing system, Class marker, to complete the ABOM Recertification exam. Once you pass the exam, you will receive a renewed certification from the ABOM office.
5. Recertification Exam Fee: \$350, Retake examination fee \$200 for retake 1 and \$200 retake 2. After 2 retakes the examination fee reverts to \$350.
6. Format: Electronic format - Class Marker www.classmarker.com. A link to the test will be sent to all Diplomates via the ABOM office.
7. The recertification examination is available to be taken three years prior to the expiration of current Diplomate status (i.e., every 10 years). In as much as the examination was first offered June 1, 2019, all Diplomates who received Diplomate status prior to June 2009, are required to take and successfully complete the Recertification Examination. Diplomates who passed the ABOM Board examination between June 2009 and June 2012 were expected to take the

recertification examination in 2019. Candidates must pass the examination during a 3-year time frame. The passing grade is 70%.

8. Grading will be performed by the software, and all examinees will be notified by the ABOM Secretary of their grade within 30 days of taking the examination via e-mail. The certificate will be sent to the examinee from the ABOM office.
9. Other: Open resource (honor code): books, journals, and websites may be used by the examinee. Each portion has 10-15 multiple choice questions in Salivary glands/Mucosal Disease, Oral Radiology, Medically Compromised, Pharmacology, Laboratory Testing, Orofacial Pain and Oral Pathology.

ABOM Diplomate Recertification Continuing Education Requirements

Diplomates will be required to indicate that they have achieved a total of 35 points during the preceding three years.

Points are awarded for the activities listed below:

- 1 point for each 'Continuing Education' hour (provide evidence)
- 1 point for a scientific or clinical presentation (provide evidence)
- 1 point for a published abstract as part of a scientific meeting (provide evidence)
- 1 point for presenting a poster at a scientific meeting (provide evidence)
- 2 points for publishing a peer-reviewed article (provide evidence)
- 2 points per year for a part-time faculty appointment (provide evidence)
- 2 points for publishing chapter in oral medicine (provide evidence)
- 8 points per year for a full-time faculty appointment (provide evidence)
- 10 points for publishing a book (provide evidence)

OROFACIAL PAIN

All ABOP Diplomates are subject to recertification based on guidelines established by the ABOP. In addition to annual renewal fees, a recertification fee may be assessed every 5 years at which time Diplomates must present documentation of 100 hours of continuing education activity specific to the field of Orofacial Pain. These credits must be accumulated during the previous 5 years.

ORTHODONTICS AND DENTOFACIAL ORTHOPEDICS

The certification renewal process may be started no earlier than 36 months 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 original expiration date, regardless of when the renewal process is completed.

Successful completion of this exam is required to maintain Board Certification status. Board certified orthodontists completing certification renewal will receive an updated certificate, ABO Educational Toolkit and sample materials.

Retake Policy: If unsuccessful, an examinee may pursue the BCE up to three times (a different exam assigned for each attempt). If all three opportunities have been exhausted, the examinee will be required to petition the board for further instruction regarding options to fulfill the certification renewal requirements. It is necessary to re-register each time an examinee will be tested. The registration system is set up to accommodate re-registration as early as the same day, and examinees are not charged for re-examination.

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

In order to recertify, ABPD Time-limited Diplomates must complete the following requirements to maintain their board certification. Three requirements are required annually, and one every ten years.

A Diplomate who completes each requirement of the ROC-P by the annual deadline of November 30 will remain in good standing with ABPD and will be considered Active. Any Diplomate not fulfilling all annual requirements, including having an active dental license, will be placed inactive until all requirements have been met.

Annual Requirements

1. Annual Diplomate Renewal (ADR) –Professional standing
ADR includes an attestation of having an active license to practice dentistry, completion of a credentialing survey, and payment of an ADR fee (\$200). The ADR requirement is used as a verification of professional standing as a pediatric dentist.
2. Continuing Education – Lifelong learning and continuing scholarship
15 Continuing Education (CE) hours are required annually. CE must be related to the clinical aspect of pediatric dentistry.
3. Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) modules – Lifelong learning and assessment
2 web-based modules required annually. Each CQI module counts as 1 hour of CE Credit.

10-year Requirement

1. Renewal of Certification Examination – Knowledge based assessment
Successful completion of a 50-question open-book examination every ten years

Practice within the specialty of pediatric dentistry is varied. The majority (87.7%) 1 of pediatric dentists' primary practice is in out-patient (private practice, group practice or corporate practice) settings. The majority (67%) 2 of pediatric dentists maintain hospital privileges to treat patients with special health care needs or extensive dental needs under general anesthesia in a hospital or in an ambulatory surgery center. Most hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers require pediatric dentists to maintain board certification and verify certification yearly.

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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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 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.

Requirement 6

An applicant and a recognized certifying board must provide to the National Commission evidence of examination and certification of a significant number of additional dentists in order to warrant approval of and continued recognition by the National Commission. The recognized certifying boards will submit the required documentation on a cycle established by the National Commission.

Requested documentation to show compliance with the requirement:

- Evidence of holding at least one (1) certification examination
- Completion of section related to the type of examinations and applicants declared ineligible
- Completion of section related to Certification and Examination Summary and Historical Data

Dates/Locations of Examinations Given in 2024:

Dates		Location		
Type of Examination	Total # Candidates	# Passed	# Failed	
Written Examination				
Oral Examination				
Clinical Examination: Case-based, images, slides, etc.				
Clinical Oral Examination				
Other				
Applicants Declared In-Eligible for 2024 Board Examination(s)			Number	
Educational program inadequate length				
Educational program not accredited by CODA				
Insufficient practice experience				
Insufficient data provided by candidate				
Other (please specify)				

2024 CERTIFICATION AND EXAMINATION SUMMARY AND HISTORICAL DATA

	Dent Anes	DPH	ENDO	OMP	OMR	OMS	OM	OP	ORTHO	PED	PERIO	PROS
Founding Date	1994	1950	1956	1948	1979	1946	1955	1994	1929	1940	1940	1946
Year of ADA Approval of Certifying Board	2020	1951	1964	1950	2000	1948	2021	2022	1950	1948	1948	1948
Number First Time Certified <i>Without</i> Examination From Founding Date												
Cumulative Number of Individuals First Time Certified By Examination Through 12/31/24												
Total First Time Certified from 1/1/24 Through 12/31/2024												
Number Placed on Inactive Roll Through 12/31/24 (Deceased, Dropped, Retired, Life/Emeritus)												
Number of Active Diplomates as of 12/31/24												
Total Number Diplomates Recertified/Certification Maintenance since Inception of Board												

Requirement 7

An applicant and a recognized certifying board must bear sole authority and responsibility for conducting the certification programs, the evaluation of the qualifications and competence of those certified as diplomates, and the issuance of certificates.

Requested documentation to show compliance with the requirement:

- Identify section and page number of the Bylaws or other documentation showing the certifying board is an independent entity and has independent authority to act as the certification body
- Certificate that clearly indicates proof as certifying body and not sponsoring organization

Certification Requirements

Requirement 1

An applicant and a recognized certifying board must require, for eligibility for certification as a diplomate, the successful completion of an advanced education program that is two (2) or more academic years in length accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation.

Although full-time, continual attendance in a Commission on Dental Accreditation accredited advanced education program is desirable, the period of advanced education need not be continuous, nor completed within successive calendar years. An advanced educational program equivalent to two (2) or more academic years in length, successfully completed on a part-time basis over an extended period of time as a graduated sequence of educational experience not exceeding four (4) calendar years, may be considered acceptable in satisfying this requirement. Short continuation, refresher courses (educational experience only obtained through continuing education) and teaching experience in a specialty department in a dental education facility will not be accepted in meeting any portion of this requirement.

A certifying board may establish an exception (alternative pathway) to the qualification requirement of completion of an advanced education program that is two (2) or more academic years in length accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation for the unique candidate who can demonstrate comparable educational and/or training requirements to the satisfaction of the certifying board. A certifying board must submit a separate petition to the National Commission for permission to establish and/or revise policy on alternative pathways.

Requested documentation to show compliance with the requirement:

- Eligibility Requirements for certification showing completion of a CODA accredited advanced education program that is two (2) or more years in length
- If the specialty allows part-time attendance in advanced education programs, evidence was submitted related to the length of the part-time program
- If the certifying board has alternative pathways to certification, written evidence was provided related to the pathway
- Completion of the section related to Certification Pathways and Applications Data

2024 CERTIFICATION PATHWAYS AND APPLICATIONS DATA

Please ensure that all sections below are answered. If a section does not pertain to your certifying board, please place N/A in those sections. If the information is not known, please place uncertain in the section.

Number Certified through Traditional (CODA graduate) Pathway in 2024	
Number Certified through Alternative Pathway in 2024	
Number of Applications Received in 2024	
Number of Unacceptable Applications Received in 2024	
Number Recertified/Certification Maintenance in 2024	

2024 Certification Pathways for Graduates of Non-CODA Accredited Advanced Dental Education Programs

DENTAL ANESTHESIOLOGY

The ADBA permits individuals who have completed non-CODA accredited residency programs in anesthesiology for dentists to apply to become a candidate. The Board of Directors individually assesses each of these unique applicants to determine if the completed course of training is essentially equivalent in nature to the course of study currently required. Those that are deemed equivalent by the Board are granted approval to begin the board examination process, pending satisfactory fulfillment of all additional established requirements.

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.

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.

2024 RE-EXAMINATION POLICIES

DENTAL ANESTHESIOLOGY

If the Candidate fails to pass the initial Written Examination, the ADBA Repeat Written Examination Application must be postmarked within sixty (60) days prior to the date in which the examination will take place. The Written Examination may be retaken up to two additional times. It is recommended that a comprehensive anesthesia review course be completed for those

Candidates who fail the Written Examination. If the Written Examination is not successfully passed within three attempts, the Candidate's application is void, and they are not eligible for the Oral Examination.

If the Candidate fails to pass their initial Oral Examination attempt, the ADBA Repeat Oral Examination Application must be postmarked within one hundred and twenty (120) days prior to the date in which the examination will take place. The Oral Examination may be retaken up to two additional times, or within the total six (6) year time limit, whichever comes first.

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.

ORAL MEDICINE

A candidate may retake up to three (3) subject sections of either Part A or Part B twice. Any candidate failing four (4) or more sections of either Part A or Part B must retake that entire examination. In the event of failure to pass the original examination, the candidate may be admitted for re-examination within a period of three (3) years after the original examination. There is a non-refundable \$750 re-examination fee for each Part A and Part B. The maximum number of exam components of either Part A or Part B, which can be re-tested, is three (3). Four (4) or more sections require complete retake of that examination. A candidate can re-test twice (total of 3 attempts to complete the entire exam). After the third unsuccessful attempt, the candidate must initiate a new application process including new fees, and show proof of additional training to qualify for additional examinations.

Requirements for ABOM Certification are as follows:

Section 1. General Requirements

- Moral and ethical standing satisfactory to the Board.
- Graduation from an oral medicine program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association and recognized by the American Board of Oral Medicine.
- License to practice dentistry in any state or territory of the United States or in any nation with equivalent standards.
- Membership in good standing in any oral medicine association/group.

Section 2. Specific Requirements

1. A candidate for retaking the Part A Board examination must be currently enrolled in the 2nd year of an accredited oral medicine program or candidates who have completed an accredited oral medicine program, belong to an oral medicine group or association and has already taken and not passed the Part A exam.
2. A candidate for retaking any part of Part B (or concurrent Parts A and B) Board certification must have obtained a certificate of successful completion of postgraduate study in oral medicine from a program accredited by the American Board of Oral Medicine, belong to an oral medicine group or association and has already taken and not passed the Part B exam.
3. A candidate must satisfactorily fulfill the examination requirements of the Board.

OROFACIAL PAIN

Candidates may submit applications to retake the Oral Examination within five years of passing the Written Examination. Diplomate status is not conferred upon any individual who does not successfully pass BOTH the Written and Oral Examinations. However, candidates who do not pass the Oral Examination within five years of passing the written examination require Board approval to retake the Oral Examination.

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.

If an examinee has 3 failed attempts at the Scenario-based Clinical Examination, he/she must wait 2 years before retaking the examination. If an examinee no-shows for an exam, it counts as a failed attempt at an examination. Examinees must present a petition to the Clinical Committee before registering for the examination for the 4th attempt. The petition must address the following items:

1. How the examinee plans to prepare going forward?
2. What domain(s) require the most attention when preparing based on past results?
3. What is the examinee's understanding of the weak performing areas in the past examinations?
4. What adjustments will be made in the preparation process going forward?

If the candidate fails the examination after the 4th attempt, they must wait an additional 2 years and petition before registration for 5th exam. After 5 failed attempts at the Scenario-based Clinical Examination, an examinee is no longer eligible to be Board Certified.

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 presents a new patient treatment or retreatment of the same patient at a subsequent examination.

Requirement 2

An applicant and a recognized certifying board must establish minimum requirements for years of practice in the area for which certificates are granted. The years of advanced education in the discipline specific specialty may be accepted toward fulfillment of this requirement.

Requested documentation to show compliance with the requirement:

- Evidence of establishment of minimum requirements for certification
- Completion of the section related to Eligibility Requirements

2024 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Please ensure that all sections below are answered. If a section does not pertain to your certifying board, please place N/A in those sections. If the information is not known, please place uncertain in the section.

Education	
Years of Advanced Education* in Addition to DDS or DMD Degree	
Experience	
Total Years of Specialty Experience Including Advanced Education*	
Other	
Citizenship	
State Licensure	

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

Requirement 3

An applicant and a recognized certifying board, in cooperation with their recognized specialty sponsoring organization, must prepare and publicize joint recommendations on the Commission on Dental Accreditation educational standards for the advanced education programs for that specialty.

Requested documentation to show compliance with the requirement:

- Joint comments made to the Commission on Dental Accreditation on the advanced education Accreditation Standards in the discipline.
- Evidence that certifying board and sponsoring organization meet on a regular basis to review educational program standards and experiential requirements.