

WITHDRAWAL OF SPECIALTY RECOGNITION FROM A RECOGNIZED SPONSORING ORGANIZATION OR CERTIFYING BOARD

Based on the *Rules* and authority granted to the National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards, the National Commission has the authority to withdraw specialty recognition from any specialty sponsoring organization or certifying board recognized by the Commission that fails to comply with the *Requirements for Recognition of Dental Specialties and National Certifying Boards for Dental Specialists* and/or policies of the National Commission. Recognized specialty sponsoring organizations and/or certifying boards found not to be in compliance with the *Requirements for Recognition* and/or National Commission policies will be notified of their non-compliance.

Withdrawal of recognition is an action taken by the National Commission Board of Commissioners when a recognized specialty sponsoring organization or certifying board has been unable to demonstrate compliance with the *Requirements for Recognition* or National Commission policies within a specified time period. A withdrawal determination must be preceded by a notice of *intent to withdraw* recognition six (6) months prior to the withdrawal decision.

When the National Commission has made a determination to withdraw recognition, the decision is communicated to the recognized specialty sponsoring organization and certifying board and announced to the communities of interest. A statement summarizing the reasons for the Commission's decision and comments, if any, that the affected organization has made with regard to this decision, is available upon request from the Commission office. If a recognized specialty sponsoring organization and/or recognized certifying board has had its recognition withdrawn, the organization does have the opportunity to formally appeal the decision to withdraw recognition through the National Commission's policy and procedures on Appeal of Adverse Actions. (See Section on Due Process)

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