

ABPM Maintenance Of Certification (MOC) Requirements For Established Diplomates Already In A Credentialing Cycle

For ABPM diplomates holding a 10-year, time-limited certificate the MOC program replaces the diplomate's previous re-credentialing method. The MOC program is mandatory at the conclusion of the Diplomate's current 10-year cycle. An important feature of the MOC program is that no aspect of the program is pass/fail, which was the case with the prior method of re-credentialing. The MOC program provides diplomates with a self-study, self-assessment and peer evaluation process. This process is designed to improve and maintain clinical knowledge and skills in delivering ongoing quality patient care in the rapidly growing and complex field of podiatric medicine.

The MOC Program consists of four components:

1. Professionalism

The Diplomate shall maintain in good standing an active license to practice podiatric medicine issued by at least one appropriate medical board and/or governmental agency in which the diplomate has a license.

Any of the following actions against a diplomate's medical license may be cause for loss of diplomate status:

1. Involuntary suspension by any appropriate medical board and/or governmental agency
2. Revocation by any appropriate medical board and/or governmental agency
3. Voluntary suspension due to negotiated settlement with any appropriate medical board and/or governmental agency for a violation of a statute or accepted medical standards

2. Lifelong Learning

Diplomates will complete an average of 25 (or more) CME units including state licensing, online courses, local society meetings, national meetings, hospital conferences, etc. per year, or a minimum aggregate of 75 CME units in a three year period. The objective is for the diplomate to accumulate a total of 250 or more CME units over a 10-year period

3. Cognitive Expertise (Examination)

Diplomates will take a secure examination consisting of 100 questions at an ABPM-approved testing center. The examination must be taken once in a 10-year period.

4. Performance in Practice

Diplomates will complete a minimum of two of the categories from among A through C listed below, as well as category D, during each 10-year interval. A given category (in A-C) may be repeated. This affords diplomates latitude in navigating the requirements for ongoing maintenance during the course of their enrollment in the process.

A. Workshops:

The diplomate may participate in a workshop, or workshops, that relate to the specialty areas encompassed by the ABPM.

B. Completion of Special Interest Presentations:

The diplomate may submit cases from their practice and/or other clinical or academic setting that demonstrate areas of expertise for peer review and constructive evaluation. This may come from the diplomate’s own cases, lectures, publications or other relevant presentations made by the diplomate.

C. Self-Evaluation Modules:

The diplomate may take one of five self-evaluation modules provided by the ABPM through which the diplomate may assess their clinical acumen. If this option is selected more than once in a 10-year cycle the same module may not be repeated.

D. Limited Case Review (this is a mandatory component for all MOC participants):

The diplomate will submit three cases, self-selected, for peer review by the ABPM case review committee. Feedback will be provided to the diplomate following the case review process.

Timelines following enrollment:

- Within the first year of enrollment complete category 4D (case submission process) for ABPM peer review
- Within year 3, 4 or 5 of enrollment complete either category 4A (clinical workshop), 4B (special interest presentation, literature review, publication, etc.) or 4C (on-line ABPM self-evaluation clinical module)
- Within years 6, 7 or 8 of enrollment complete another category (4A, 4B or 4C)
- Within years 9 or 10 of enrollment complete the ABPM self-assessment examination (category 3)

Sample Diplomate MOC cycle following enrollment:

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
20 CME	30 CME	25 CME	18 CME	27 CME	35 CME	25 CME	20 CME	40 CME	18 CME
Case submission (category 4D)			Workshop (category 4A)			Clinical module (category 4B)		Self-assessment exam (component 3)	

Certification Status During MOC

Once enrolled, and while fulfilling MOC requirements, diplomates will be verified by ABPM as “certified and meeting all requirements of the MOC program.”

Contact board headquarters with any questions you may have. Specific policies regarding evaluation, reporting of certification status, confidentiality, etc. can be reviewed in the ABPM Policy Manual.

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