



To Whom It May Concern:

The American Board of Podiatric Medicine (ABPM) is recognized by the Joint Committee on the Recognition of Specialty Boards, under the authority of the American Podiatric Medical Association. The ABPM began certifying podiatric physicians in the specialty of Podiatric Orthopedics in 1978, and added the additional area of Primary Podiatric Medicine in 1993. Both areas are now included in a single recognized specialty. The examinations are administered annually.

Prior to admission to the certification process we verify compliance with the following:

- Candidates for the board qualified and board certified examinations must have completed residency training approved by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education.
- Primary source verification of residency training is conducted on each candidate, including the names and locations of the institutions and dates of completion. This is verified from the director of the residency training program.
- Diploma from a school of podiatric medicine is required, however graduation is otherwise not verified, simply because the requirement to enter a CPME-approved residency training program is dependent upon graduation from a CPME-approved school of podiatric medicine
- In addition, state licensing, including any disciplinary information, is tracked and verified annually by a direct query to any state in which the candidate or member holds a license.

Where relevant, older member records include primary source verification of graduation from schools of podiatric medicine where the member's certification occurred prior to the mandate for residency training.

Feel free to contact Board Headquarters if you need further information.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director