

Report of the ADA-Recognized Dental Specialty Certifying Boards

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INTRODUCTION

The Report of the ADA-Recognized Dental Specialty Certifying Boards contains information collected from the dental specialty certifying boards recognized by the American Dental Association's Council on Dental Education and Licensure. This report is updated annually and contains the following information about each of the nine recognized dental specialty certifying boards:

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THE ADA 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 (Orth)
- American Board of Pediatric Dentistry (Ped)
- American Board of Periodontology (Perio)
- American Board of Prosthodontics (Pros)

CERTIFICATION AND EXAMINATION DATA

	DPH	Endo	OMP	OMR	OMS	Orth	PD	Perio	Pros
Founding Date	1951	1956	1948	1979	1946	1929	1940	1940	1946
Date ADA Recognition	1951	1964	1950	2000	1948	1950	1948	1948	1948
Number Certified <i>Without</i> Examination From Founding Date Through 12/31/10	12	34	7	74	15	98	7	0	69
Number Certified By Examination Through 12/31/10	299	1,420	449	112	6,983	7,294	3,322	2,951	1,728
Total Certified Through 12/31/10	311	1,454	456	186	7,166	7,392	3,329	2,951	1,817
Number Deceased, Dropped or Placed on Inactive Roll Through 12/31/10	152	608	148	76	2,202	4,489	187	416	588
Number of Active Diplomates as of 12/31/10	159	846	313 +	110	4,983	4,858	3,100	2,544	1,147
Total Number Diplomates Recertified since Inception of Recertification.	8			45	1,193	422	123	2,963 ++	679

+includes reinstated diplomates

++ adjustment of -500 counted in error

2010 DATA

	DPH	Endo	OMP	OMR	OMS	Orth	PD	Perio	Pros
Number Certified through traditional pathway in 2010	2	42	12	7	168	272	357	87	35
Number certified through alternative pathway in 2010	0	N/A	0	N/A	0	N/A	0	N/A	N/A
Number Deceased, Dropped or Placed on Inactive Roll	3	27	5	2	102	442	29	8	15
Number of Applications Received	10**	230	9	23	495	354	355	311	294
Number of Acceptable Applications Received	10	230	9	23	485	354	355	311	294
Number of Unacceptable Applications Received	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0
Number <u>Recertified</u> in 2010	8	3	*	5	421	191	31	174	21

* First recertification exam will be offered in 2011.

** There were seven written only exam applications and three oral exam applications.

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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

	DPH (5)	Endo (1)	OMP	OMR	OMS	Orth (6)	PD (2)	Perio (3)	Pros (4)
Professional									
ADA or NDA Membership	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Specialty Society Membership	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Education									
Years of Advanced Education* in Addition to DDS or DMD Degree	2	2-3	3	2-3	4	2-3	2-3	3	3
Experience									
Total Years of Specialty Experience Including Advanced* Education*	4	2-3	3	2-3	5	2-3	2-3	3	3
Other									
Citizenship	Any	Any	Any	Any	Any	Any	Any	Any	Any
State Licensure	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Certification Pathway for Graduates of non ADA CODA Accredited Advanced Education Programs (see page 6 for details)	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No

- (1) Students enrolled in an ADA-accredited endodontic program can take the written examination in the same year as their graduation.
- (2) Candidates may register for the Qualifying Examination in their final year of training if they expect to successfully complete their training and be awarded their certificate/diploma by November 1 following the examination date
- (3) Candidates may take written exam (Part I) after successful completion of their advanced education program.
- (4) Students in their final year of training may elect to take the Part I written examination and one additional part (total 2 parts) in February of their final year.
- (5) Candidates may take the written examination 1) after successful completion of their advanced education program, or 2) candidates who are completing their educational requirements at the time of application, will require a letter of support from the residency or program director verifying the date when residency requirements are expected to be completed before the written examination is scheduled.
- (6) Introduction of banked cases for ICE examinees

* Advanced Education refers to postdoctoral education programs accredited by the ADA Commission on Dental Accreditation (ADA CODA).

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

Dental Public Health: Dentists who have completed training of two or more years of advanced education in dental public health from an institution outside the United States followed by satisfactory completion of a residency program in dental public health accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation are eligible for certification.

Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology: Applicants who have completed a full time course of study in oral and maxillofacial pathology of no less than three years in a non CODA accredited program may become eligible for certification upon completion of an additional year in a CODA accredited advanced training program in oral and maxillofacial pathology. The Board of Directors must unanimously approve such applications to be admitted for the certification examination.

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 an 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 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/CDA or CDAC specialty program) should contact a Program Director of an ADA/CDA 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.CDA 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.

EXAMINATION PROCEDURES

Written Examination	DPH	Endo	OMP	OMR	OMS	Orth	PD	Perio	Pros
Objective Examination	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Essay Examination	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Oral Examination	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Case History Presentation	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
Clinical	No	No	Yes *	No	No	Yes	Yes **	No	No

* Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology requires a two-part practical surgical pathology examination in addition to the written and clinical examination.

** Pediatric Dentistry - Clinical Section- Oral Clinical Examination.

APPLICATION AND REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

	DPH	Endo	OMP	OMR	OMS	Orth	PD	Perio	Pros
Application Fee	\$ 300	\$ 250	\$1,000	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$350	\$ 100	\$450	\$ 200
Total Fee	\$ 650 (6)	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$ 950	\$4,300 3 exams	\$2,965	\$2,700	\$ 1,250	\$1,325
Years Application Valid	5	3	5	3	2 & 3 (3)	5	5/8	2/may request 1 yr extension	6
Re-examination Fee	\$ 100	(1)	\$ 1,000	\$250 one section \$700 entire exam	\$1,250 (4)	\$ 925 \$150/1 case by mail	(2)	Written \$450 Oral \$800	(5)
Eligibility Determined By:	Bd.	B.C.	B.C.	Bd.	B.C.	Bd.	Bd.	Bd.	B.C.
Candidates Notified of Results Within:	2 Wks.	4-5 Wks.	2 Wks.	2-4 Wks.	4-5 Wks.	3-4 Wks.	4-6 Wks.	4-5 Wks.	1 Wk.
Annual Re-registration Fee	\$ 120	\$225	\$150	\$ 135	\$ 150	\$ 195	\$125 Unlimited Diplomates \$210 Time-Limited Diplomates	\$ 250	\$200

Bd. = Board

B.C. = Board Committee

- (1) Endo:** Written Exam= \$170.00
Oral Exam= \$375.00
Case Histories= \$375.00
Re-Examination Fees
Written Exam = \$170.00
Case History Exam = \$250.00
Oral Exam - \$250.00
- (2) PD:** Qualifying Examination = \$700
Oral Clinical Examination = \$2,000
- (3) OMS:** Qualifying Exam = 2 years
Oral Exam = 3 years
Re-exam = 3 years
- (4) OMS:** Qualifying Exam = \$1,000
Oral Exam= \$2,500
Re-exam = \$600
Admin fee=\$250
- (5) Pros:** Re-examination Fee
Per Part = \$250 (Written=\$375)
Re-application Fee =\$200
- (6) DPH:** Written exam only=\$50

RE-EXAMINATION POLICIES

DENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH

Candidates who fail the examination will be accepted for 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 four 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 one of the three sections of the examination may be permitted, on application to the Board and payment of a re-examination fee, to repeat just that section. Candidates who fail to successfully complete two or three sections of the examination may be permitted, on application to the Board and payment of a re-examination fee, to repeat the entire examination. (1) A candidate failing any portion of the examination who wishes to repeat any portion must submit a written request to the Board through the Secretary-Treasurer by July 15. (2) A re-examination fee of \$250.00 (USD) for permission to repeat one section and \$700.00 (USD) for permission to repeat the entire examination must accompany the request. (3) A candidate who fails any portion of the examination three times and who wishes to challenge the examination again must resubmit an application as a new 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. A non-refundable re-examination fee will be required and must be submitted prior to August 1 of the year preceding the examination.

A candidate who does not pass the Qualifying Examination in the allotted time must reapply. A new application form and appropriate fees are required. The applicant who reapplies must show evidence of further training and/or educational experiences which shall be evaluated by the Board.

Oral Certifying Examination

A candidate who fails the Oral Certifying Examination may repeat the examination. A non-refundable re-examination fee will be required.

RE-EXAMINATION POLICIES (cont)

A candidate who does not pass the Oral Certifying Examination in the time allotted must reapply to repeat the certification process in its entirety. The applicant who reapplies must show evidence of further training and/or educational experiences. These documents are reviewed by the Board to determine the applicant's eligibility for further examination. Examination fees are required in the reapplication process.

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. Once the Written Examination is successfully completed, it will not have to be taken again.

Examinees, who receive an incomplete in the Clinical Examination, have two more opportunities in a five year period, to successfully complete the requirements for certification.

Time-limited certificates were issued after 1997 and require recertification.

In 2008, the ABO hosted an Educator's Conference in which the Board invited chairpersons and program directors from all U.S. and Canadian institutions. The Board solicited recommendations from the faculty for methods of improving the ICE process. As a result of this discussion with the educators, the Board developed the "Banking Process" and accepted its implementation at its February 2010 meeting. Of the cases that are presented, cases which are *Complete* will be "banked," or documented, at the ABO central office. The examinee must collect the balance of required cases, either from residency within 24 months of graduation or from post-residency practice, for grading within ten (10) years and two (2) more attempts.

PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY

Qualifying Exam (QE): The Candidate who fails the QE can retake the examination annually within their five- or eight-year eligibility period. The Candidate must be successful with the QE prior to sitting for the OCE.

Oral Clinical Exam (OCE): The Candidate who fails the OCE can retake the examination annually within their five- or eight-year eligibility period.

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 candidates fail all or part of the examination, they may apply at any time for re-examination and must pay the appropriate fee for each part. The candidate should remember that the entire examination process must be completed within six consecutive years from the date board eligibility was initially approved. If the candidate fails any part three times, board eligibility is forever forfeited and may not be re-established, except under unusual extenuating circumstances which the Board may determine.



RECERTIFICATION POLICIES

DENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH

Beginning on January 1, 2000, recertification by the Board will require completion of an average of ten (10) hours annually of continuing education from an approved CERP or a public health organization. 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 these ten (10) hours.

In addition, the Board will initiate a voluntary recertification program for all diplomates certified prior to January 1, 2000. These diplomates will be requested to seek voluntary recertification within ten (10) years beginning in 2000 (by 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

The Board has a voluntary Continued Competency Assurance Program in place. Ten-year, time-limited certificates were implemented in 2004. The first recertification exam will be offered in 2011.

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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.

RECERTIFICATION POLICIES (cont)

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.

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ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY

In January 2009, the Board implemented its Certification Maintenance (CM) in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery program. The CM incorporates the same primary components as those espoused by the American Board of Medical Specialties.

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 allowing patient admission and performance of core procedures in oral and maxillofacial surgery.

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.

RECERTIFICATION POLICIES (cont)

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 1998 initiates the first stage for recertification of ABO diplomates. At initial application, candidates will be informed that the Board will issue time limited certificates.

PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY In July 2010 ABPD launched the Renewal of Certification Process (ROC-P). It is a four part process that includes annual requirements (Parts 1, 2 and 4) and an examination once every 10 years (Part 3):

1. Evidence of professional standing
2. Evidence of lifelong learning and continuing scholarship
3. Evidence of cognitive expertise
4. Evidence of performance in practice

Time limited diplomates will participate in all four parts; those diplomates registered before September 1991 will be encouraged to participate voluntarily in Parts 2, 3 and 4.

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.

Points	Activity
(7)	Attendance at the American Academy of Periodontology Annual Meeting
(5)	Attendance at a national or international multiple day meetings that are within the scope of periodontics
(2)	Completion of ABP Self Study Recertification Program (SSRP)
(2) per day	Attendance at Regional Meetings either National or International devoted to topics within the scope of periodontics
(2) per day	Attendance at conferences related to topics within the scope of periodontics, sponsored by a University or The American Academy of Periodontology.
(2) per day	Courses taken applicable to topics within the scope of periodontics.
(4) per day	Courses given applicable to topics within the scope of periodontics.
(1)	Courses taken online related to topics within the scope of periodontics.
(3)	Publication, as primary author, in: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) National and/or International Journal (those listed in Index of Dental Literature) b) Book Chapter(s)
(2)	Publication, as primary author, in State Dental Journals
(1)	Publication, as secondary author
(1) per day	Teaching – a maximum of fourteen points during a six-year period may be credited for teaching.

RECERTIFICATION POLICY (cont)**PROSTHODONTICS****Summary-Requirements for Recertification.**

Complete (40) points of continuing education. Completion of at least one (1) self-assessment. Progression of continued proficiency will be monitored yearly.

Continuing Education: Beginning January 1, 1996, attainment of at least forty (40) points in an eight-year period will be required of all Diplomates except those in a Life Diplomate status. **A maximum of ten (10) points per year will be allowed towards the total for forty (40) points.** Points may be accumulated in the following ways:

1. Attendance at a scientific session sponsored by a major Prosthodontic organization (one point per day).
2. Other courses, conferences and meetings applicable to Prosthodontics preferably "CERP" approved (one point per day).
- 3.* Publications in peer reviewed Journals (not to include abstracts), (two points per publication).
- 4.* Prosthodontic book chapters (one point per chapter).
- 5.* Professional lectures given and study club activities related to prosthodontics (one point per day).

***A maximum of sixteen (16) points in an eight (8) year period may be credited from publications, lectures and study group activities. Activities of ½ day will earn ½ point (three hours equal ½ point).**

Self-Assessment

A self assessment of recent Prosthodontic advances will be prepared by the Board. This test can be requested on the annual registration form beginning in 1998. A package of questions with score card will be mailed to the Diplomates requesting the self-assessment. The completed score card will be mailed to the Executive Director of the Board, logged and scored.

At least one (1) documented self-assessment is required in the eight (8) year certification period.