



The American Board of Preventive Medicine

Maintenance of Certification

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What is Maintenance of Certification (MOC)?

MOC is the board certification process for assessment of continuing competencies of physicians. The ABPM MOC program continues to evolve to meet American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) requirements. Find the most complete, up-to-date information concerning the MOC on the ABPM website https://www.theabpm.org/moc/index_moc.cfm.

The ABPM MOC program consists of four components:

Part 1: Professional Standing

- Hold an **active, valid and unrestricted medical license** in all States, US territories, or Canadian Provinces in which you are licensed to practice medicine

Part 2: Lifelong Learning and Self-assessment (LLSA)

- Earn a total of **250 Continuing Medical Education (CME) credits** over the ten-year span of certification, including a minimum of **100 ABPM-approved LLSA credits**. A complete list of approved LLSA activities is available on the ABPM website at <https://www.theabpm.org/moc/modules.cfm>.
 - If you maintain certification with another ABMS specialty board, 150 hours of CME earned to meet MOC Part 2 requirements of the other ABMS specialty board may be applied to ABPM requirements, so that only the 100 LLSA/MOC credits need to be completed. More information is available on the ABPM website at https://www.theabpm.org/moc/ABPM_MOC_Alternate_Credit.pdf
- Complete a **patient safety course** in the first two years of each certification cycle.
 - Diplomates who have been certified by ABPM through the Residency Pathway do not need to complete an additional patient safety course during their first ten-year certification cycle if they completed residency training in 2012 and later.

Part 3: Assessment of Cognitive Expertise

- Take the **cognitive exam** in the last three years of your certification cycle. You may re-take the test if necessary to pass it prior to the expiration of your certificate.

Part 4: Improvement in Medical Practice

- Complete **two practice assessment and improvement activities** during each ten-year certification cycle. One assessment is to be completed in the first five years of the cycle and a second in the last five years. Diplomates may complete the Assessment of Practice Performance through any of the three Preventive Medicine specialty societies (ACOEM, ACPM, AsMA).
 - For those diplomates maintaining certification with another ABMS specialty board or a Canadian specialty board, Part 4 requirements may be satisfied by completing the MOC requirements of that specialty board. Further information can be found on the ABPM website at www.theabpm.org/moc/ABPM_MOC_Alternate_Credit.pdf.
- **Clinical Informatics**: Complete one assessment every three years during each ten-year certification cycle for a total of **three practice assessment and improvement activities**.

Find more information about the MOC program, including fees and approved LLSA/MOC activities, on the ABPM website, https://www.theabpm.org/moc/index_moc.cfm.

Please contact the ABPM if you have additional questions.