



AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC BOARD OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS

Osteopathic Continuous Certification (OCC) Requirements

As all AOBFP diplomates transition to longitudinal assessment, the simplest way for diplomates to understand their specific OCC requirements is to know their expiration date.

Diplomates can find their expiration date by logging into the [AOA Physician Portal](#):

Diplomates certified after July 1, 2016:

OCC Components

Select certification to generate OCC details below

Certification Information	
Initial issue date	07/01/2021
Initial certification valid thru	12/31/2030
Certification status	A (Active)

Diplomates certified before June 30, 2016:

OCC Components

Select certification to generate OCC details below

Certification Information	
Initial issue date	04/12/2002
Initial certification valid thru	12/31/2010
Certification status	A (Active)
Recertification issue date	01/01/2019
Recertification valid thru	12/31/2027

OCC Component 1 (Active Licensure):

A candidate/Diplomate must hold a valid, active license to practice medicine in a U.S. state, commonwealth, District of Columbia, U.S. territory or Canada. Those physicians holding only an active license (or registration) to practice medicine outside the U.S. or Canada may be considered for OCC on a case-by-case basis.

The physician portal shows what licensure information the AOA has on file. If something is missing or incorrect, please contact credentials@osteopathic.org.



OCC Component 2 (Lifelong Learning/CME)

Jan. 1, 2022, and Dec. 31, 2024, AOBFP CME Requirement

CME Type	CME Hours
AOA Category 1-A	30
AOA Category 1-A or 1-B	30
AOA or AAFP credits	60
TOTAL	120

[CME Activity Descriptions, including caps](#)
[CME Reductions and Waiver policy; Request Form](#)

Component 3 – Longitudinal Assessment

Beginning 2022, Longitudinal Assessment is an annual Requirement, replacing the traditional high-stakes exam. Longitudinal Assessment is completed on the NBOME Catalyst Platform.

Certification Expiration Date	Start Longitudinal Assessment
Dec. 31, 2023	January 2023
Dec. 31, 2024	January 2024
Dec. 31, 2025	January 2025
Dec. 31, 2026	January 2026
Dec. 31, 2027	January 2022
Dec. 31, 2028	January 2022
Dec. 31, 2029	January 2022
Dec. 31, 2030	January 2023
Dec. 31, 2031	January 2024
Dec. 31, 2032	January 2025

Diplomates apply for longitudinal assessment starting in October of the prior year. The annual fee for the Longitudinal Assessment is \$225.

Q1: January – March (10 questions)

Q2: April – June (10 questions)

Q3: July – September (10 questions)

Q4: October – November (remediation period for unanswered or incorrect questions)

It is expected that Diplomates participate in each quarter and correctly answer 80% of questions. Diplomates who do not register for or participate in the Longitudinal Assessment will be inactivated after Dec. 31. Diplomates whose certification has been inactivated for less than three (3) years because they did not register or participate in the assessment may reactivate their certification by passing the prior portion(s) of the longitudinal assessment they did not register for or participate in. The prior longitudinal assessment will be open-book and untimed. Upon successfully passing the longitudinal assessment, the Diplomate's certification status will be placed in active status.

Diplomates who have allowed their certification to remain in an inactive status for three or more years may reactivate their certification by taking and passing the initial written certification examination. Upon successfully passing the initial written certification examination, the Diplomate's certification status will be placed in active status.



Longitudinal Assessment is open-book and untimed. Review additional [FAQs on Longitudinal Assessment](#).

Diplomates earn 5 AOA Category 1-B CME credits for completing the Longitudinal Assessment.

Component 4 Practice Performance Assessment & Improvement

AOBFP is phasing out the Component 4 module requirement through 2026. Below are the requirements based on Diplomat's expiration date:

Certification Expiration Date	Component 4 Requirement
Dec. 31, 2023	Complete four modules. One (1) QI attestation completed in the past three years can count towards the four required.
Dec. 31, 2024	Complete four modules. One (1) QI attestation completed in the past three years can count towards the four required.
Dec. 31, 2025	Complete four modules. One (1) QI attestation completed in the past three years can count towards the four required.
Dec. 31, 2026	Complete four modules. One (1) QI attestation completed in the past three years can count towards the four required.
Dec. 31, 2027, and after	Complete one Quality Improvement Activity every three years. There is no additional fee.

Diplomates can submit Quality Improvement Activity Attestations via the [AOA Physician Portal](#).

- [View Component 4 Attestation FAQs](#)
- [Helpful information about QI projects](#)
- [Sample quality improvement project](#)

For more information on Quality Improvement Projects and requirements for non-clinical diplomates [View Your OCC Requirements - American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians](#)

Module Options (Diplomates with an expiration date before 2027):

- **ACOFB modules** (\$525 each)
 - Coronary Artery Disease
 - Hypertension
 - Low Back Pain
 - Diabetes
- **NBOME modules** (\$525 each)
 - Evaluation and Management of Patient with Diabetes and Obesity
 - Medication Safety and Communication
 - Evaluation and Management of Patient with Hypertension

Diplomates can sign up for modules on the [AOBFP Exams & Applications page](#).



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Requirements to Maintain Certification in OMT:

To maintain the AOBFP Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment (OMT) designation, the Diplomate must pass one (1) OMT longitudinal assessment module every three (3) years and complete one of the following:

- Complete eight (8) hours of AOBFP-approved OMT hands-on training every nine (9) years. The process for AOA CME sponsors to request approval for their course will be finalized in Spring 2023.

OR

- Successfully pass one (1) performance examination every nine (9) years., during the last three years of certification.

Diplomates with expiration dates before 2027 – the OMT certificate will remain active until the end of the next cycle. If choosing to take the OCC/Recertification OMT performance exam, it must be taken during the time period listed below:

Certification Expiration Date	Performance Exam to Maintain OMT
2023	2029-2032
2024	2030-2033
2025	2031-2034
2026	2032-2025
2027	2024-2027
2028	2025-2028
2029	2026-2029
2030	2027-2030
2031	2028-2031
2032	2029-2032
2033	2030-2033

The fee for OCC/Recertification OMT performance exam is \$500.

Category 1A CME credits can be earned for the OMT Performance Exam or AOBFP-approved OMT hands on training.

Diplomates choosing to not maintain the OMT designation can contact AOBFP at aobfp@osteopathic.org

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