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# WHAT'S NEW WITH AOBPMR CERTIFICATION

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## Where are we Now?



- Demand for certification options has grown, and the potential diplomate pool for initial and OCC is larger due to the Single Accreditation System.
- There is an opportunity to reach the full market of DOs, and provide a certification pathway for MDs.
- AOBPMR has remained competitive by offering residents the ability to test early prior to training completion.
- AOBPMR has also kept its exam fees at a reasonable rate compared to ABPMR (\$3305 for Parts I&II).



# Where are We Going?



- AOBPMR is now offering Computer-Based Exams!
- AOBPMR is moving towards eliminating the Oral exam as part of the Initial Certification exam!
- CBS (Certifying Board Services) is piloting technology to deliver exams, developing platforms that support continuous assessment!
- All certifying boards will now have a maximum of 8 members. Board members will focus on the content of the exams and these new innovative initiatives and models for certification.
- Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) will be utilized for content development and examiners for onsite Oral and Practical exams.

# New Pathways in Osteopathic Certification- Distinct Osteopathic Certification

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- There is some misunderstanding that AOA is proposing to eliminate osteopathic content. This is ***not*** the case.
- AOA will continue to offer osteopathic specialty board certification options for DOs who wish to validate their mastery of osteopathic principles and practice..

# Osteopathic Continuous Certification: Do you mean continuous confusion? We understand, and we are here to help!!

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- We are excited to communicate new updates regarding OCC that we feel are diplomate-centric.
- These new updates continue to uphold the integrity of certification while NOT overburdening our diplomates.
- We know our Osteopathic physicians are committed to patient-centric care. The new changes to the OCC process reflect this knowledge and understanding of how Osteopathic physicians approach patient health.



**You must hold an active license so....**



**Let's Start with Component 2: CME**

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- The new standards eliminate the requirement for specialty-specific CME. Each individual certifying board has set its own CME standards for osteopathic continuous certification.
- Also, changes were made to the types of CME credit awarded for specific activities.

# What is AOBPMR Requiring from you for CME per 3 year cycle?

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- AOBPMR's requirement is that diplomates obtain 60 CME credits per 3 year cycle. There is no requirement for categories of CME.
- Please make sure to review the new CME Guide for 2019-2021 located here: <https://osteopathic.org/wp-content/uploads/cme-guide-2019-2021.pdf>



## Component 3- Cognitive Assessment

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- AOBPMR is committed to innovative new OCC approaches to promote and assess continuous learning and make it more relevant to practice.

## Component 4- Practice Performance Assessment

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- Component 4 has been the most challenging component of OCC. AOBPMR wants to ensure to uphold the integrity of the requirements while maintaining a program that is not too burdensome or too costly for AOBPMR diplomates.
- The Standards Review Committee of the Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists approved a Quality Improvement Attestation for all Boards to utilize for Component 4 of OCC.
- AOBPMR has approved this attestation to be submitted and meet the requirement equivalent to one PPA.

## Component 4- Practice Performance Assessment

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- The attestation can be located on the Physician Portal.
- The attestation is available via the physician portal:  
<https://physicianportal.osteopathic.org/>
- Log in and click on OCC, scroll down to component 4 and then click on “Submit a component 4 attestation.”

## **~~Component 5~~- No More Membership Requirement but that doesn't mean you should miss out on the following Membership benefits:**

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- **Opportunities to connect** with colleagues and mentor next-generation physicians.
- **Protection of your practice and reimbursement rights**, plus advocacy on critical public policy issues.
- **Professional growth with CME**, including access to traCME and CME activities to monitor and meet your certification requirements.
- **The latest news and research updates** via e-newsletters and *The Journal of the American Osteopathic Association*.
- **Expert assistance on student loan repayment strategies**, including a free refinancing analysis and 20% off consulting fees.
- **Discounts and special offers** on AOA conferences, travel insurance, personal finance, car purchasing or leasing, and more.



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**THANK YOU!!**  
**QUESTIONS?**