

Maintaining Certification in Addiction Medicine

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ABPM Continuous Certification Program (CCP), formerly known as Maintenance of Certification (MOC) is the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) board certification process for assessment of continuing competencies of physicians and encompasses recertification.

What Are the Requirements to Maintain Certification with ABPM?

In December 2019, the ABPM announced the requirements for its Diplomates to maintain ABPM certification during the transitional period from the current Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program to a new and innovative Continuing Certification Program (CCP).

The transitional period will begin February 1, 2020 and continue through December 31, 2022 (Transitional Period).

Maintenance of Certification	Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Ends 1/31/2020	Transitional Maintenance of Certification (TMOC) Begins 2/1/2020
Professionalism and Professional	Hold an active, valid and unrestricted medical license in all States, US territories, or Canadian Provinces in which you are licensed to practice medicine	Hold an active, valid, and unrestricted medical license in all states, US territories, or Canadian provinces in which the diplomate is licensed to practice medicine
Lifelong Learning & Self Assessment	<p>Earn a total of 250 AMA PRA Category 1 Continuing Medical Education (CME) Credits™ over each Certification Cycle, including a minimum of 100 ABPM-approved Lifelong Learning and Self-Assessment (LLSA) credits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Years 1-3: 75 AMA PRA Category 1 CME Credits™, at least 30 of which must be ABPM-approved LLSA activities Years 4-6: 75 AMA PRA Category 1 CME Credits™, at least 30 of which must be ABPM-approved LLSA activities Years 7-10: 100 AMA PRA Category 1 CME Credits™, at least 40 of which must be ABPM-approved LLSA activities <p>Complete a patient safety course in the first two-years of each Certification Cycle</p>	<p>Earn a total of 75 AMA PRA Category 1 Continuing Medical Education (CME) Credits™</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2020: 25 AMA PRA Category 1 CME Credits™ 2021: 25 AMA PRA Category 1 CME Credits™ 2022: 25 AMA PRA Category 1 CME Credits™ <p>Complete 1 hour of a patient safety course (PSC) by February 1, 2023. This requirement can be fulfilled in one of two ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successful completion of an ACGME-accredited residency or fellowship in 2012 or later, or; Successful completion of an ABPM-approved PSC
Assessment of Judgment and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 The exam will contain similar content to the initial certification exam Note: ABPM announced in August 2018, that it is not necessary to maintain certification in your primary board in order to be eligible to apply for the re-certification exam. <p>This announcement can be viewed in full at: https://www.theabpm.org/maintain-certification/moc-news-announcements/</p>	<h3>No MOC Exam</h3>
Improvement in Medical Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete two Improvement in Medical Practice (IMP) activities. One of the activities must be completed through an activity offered through Preventive Medicine specialty or subspecialty society One assessment is to be completed in the first five years of the cycle and a second in the last five years ABPM is a participant in the ABMS Multispecialty Portfolio Program. Activities completed through the program will be accepted. Learn more about the ABMS Multispecialty Portfolio Program at abms.org 	<p>ABPM's current requirements for MOC Part IV Improvement in Medical Practice (IMP) will remain unchanged. However:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In addition to receiving current credit for IMP activities completed during the Transitional Period, the Diplomate will also receive credit for the first IMP (or its equivalent) that will be required by ABPM's CCP. During the Transitional Period, ABPM will not require Diplomates to submit proof of completion by Diplomates of IMP activities during their current Certification Cycle. Instead, Diplomates who complete an IMP activity in their Specialty/Subspecialty during the Transitional Period will simply log on to ABPM's Diplomate portal and submit an attestation of completion. ABPM will neither track nor penalize Diplomates who do not complete IMP activities during the Transitional Period.



ABPM's TMOC: <https://www.theabpm.org/maintain-certification/transitional-moc-to-continuing-certification-program/>

ASAM's Certification Hub: <https://www.asam.org/education/certification-MOC>

ASAM's MOC: <https://elearning.asam.org/certifications-and-moc-explore-all>