

# RECERTIFICATION AND CONTINUOUS OSTEOPATHIC RECERTIFICATION

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# AOBIM REQUIREMENTS FOR RECERTIFICATION IN INTERNAL MEDICINE

DIPLOMATE OF AOBIM

VALID, UNCHALLENGED, UNRESTRICTED LICENSE IN ALL STATES LICENSED

AOA MEMBERSHIP 24 MONTHS PRIOR TO EXAMINATION

INTERNAL MEDICINE CME: 50 HOURS - 36 MONTH PERIOD PRIOR TO EXAMINATION

ATTENDANCE AT INTERNAL MEDICINE BOARD REVIEW COURSE < 24 MONTHS PRIOR TO EXAMINATION

PEER REVIEW:           DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN REPORT  
                              MEDICAL DIRECTOR REPORT

RECERTIFICATION EXAMINATION  
(COMPUTERIZED EXAM AT OVER 200 SITES NATIONWIDE)

# INTERNAL MEDICINE RECERTIFYING EXAMINATION PASSING STANDARD

MINIMUM PASSING STANDARD DETERMINED PRIOR TO  
EXAMINATION

EXAMINATION DIVIDED INTO FOUR SUBTEST AREAS

- A) CV AND PULMONARY
- B) GI, ENDOCRINE, MISCELLANEOUS
- C) I.D., ALLERGY, RHEUMATOLOGY
- D) HEM/ONC AND NEPHROLOGY

# AOBIM REQUIREMENTS FOR RECERTIFICATION IN A SUBSPECIALTY

SAME AS 1-4 IN INTERNAL MEDICINE

SUBSPECIALTY BOARD REVIEW

PEER REVIEW: SECTION DIRECTOR REPORT  
MEDICAL DIRECTOR REPORT

SUBSPECIALTY RECERTIFYING EXAMINATION  
(GIVEN IN CHICAGO AREA ONLY)

DO I NEED TO FIRST RECERTIFY IN INTERNAL MEDICINE  
BEFORE RECERTIFYING IN A SUBSPECIALTY?

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DO I NEED TO RECERTIFY IN INTERNAL MEDICINE OR A SUBSPECIALTY BEFORE RECERTIFYING IN AN ADDED QUALIFICATIONS (i.e., GERIATRIC MEDICINE, CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE, INTERVENTIONAL CARDIOLOGY)?

## RECERTIFICATION IN MORE THAN ONE AREA

COMPLETION OF ALL REQUIREMENTS IN EACH AREA EXAMINED

INTERNAL MEDICINE - ONE HALF DAY EXAM - 150 CORE ITEMS

SUBSPECIALTY - ONE HALF DAY EXAM - 150 ITEMS

ADDED QUALIFICATIONS - ONE HALF DAY EXAM - 150 ITEMS

INTERNAL MEDICINE GIVEN ON COMPUTER AT MULTIPLE SITES

SUBSPECIALTY/ADDED QUALIFICATIONS – PAPER/PENCIL IN  
CHICAGO AREA

# RECERTIFYING EXAMINATIONS

## INTERNAL MEDICINE

ONE HALF DAY EXAMINATION OF 150 ITEMS (4 HOURS)

## SUBSPECIALTY

ONE HALF DAY EXAMINATION OF 150 ITEMS (4 HOURS)

## ADDED QUALIFICATIONS

ONE HALF DAY EXAMINATION OF 150 ITEMS (4 HOURS)

## NEXT EXAMINATION DATES

Internal Medicine – September 16, 2011  
Subspecialty/Added Qualifications – August 27, 2011

## FEES

### ONE EXAMINATION

\$600 (INTERNAL MEDICINE)

\$450 (SUBSPECIALTY & ADDED QUALIFICATIONS)

### TWO EXAMINATIONS

\$1050 (INCLUDING INTERNAL MEDICINE)

### TWO EXAMINATIONS

\$700 (SUBSPECIALTY/ADDED QUALIFICATIONS)

# SITTING FOR RECERTIFICATION EXAMINATION PRIOR TO EXPIRATION DATE OF CERTIFICATION

CANDIDATES MAY SIT 1 OR 2 YEARS PRIOR TO EXPIRATION  
OF CURRENT CERTIFICATE WITHOUT AFFECTING DATE OF NEW  
CERTIFICATE

## EXAMPLE:

CERTIFICATE EXPIRES AUGUST, 2013

TAKE RECERTIFYING EXAMINATION SEPTEMBER, 2011

NEW CERTIFICATE VALID 2013-2023

IF I HAVE A NON-TIME-LIMITED CERTIFICATE WHAT HAPPENS TO MY ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE IF I DECIDE TO RECERTIFY VOLUNTARILY?

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY CERTIFICATE EXPIRES BEFORE I COMPLETE ALL REQUIREMENTS OR BEFORE APPLYING FOR RECERTIFICATION?

## PROPOSED DRAFT FOR AOBIM CONTINUOUS OSTEOPATHIC CERTIFICATION

The AOBIM OCC program will have 5 components:

- AOA membership
- Valid and unchallenged state licensure
- Continuing medical education
- Practice performance verification
- Satisfactory completion of secure examination

These five components will be required to be completed in a 9-10 year period

## AOA Membership

Must maintain membership in the AOA in order to maintain an active certification certificate and continue in OCC

## Valid, unrestricted and unchallenged State license

Will be required to submit to the AOBIM verification from the State licensing board(s) that their license is valid, unrestricted and unchallenged during the two years prior to the date of the secure recertification examination.

## Continuing Medical Education

Must maintain 50 hours of CME in the specific area of internal medicine during each 3 year AOA CME Cycle.

Applicable credits will be based on the criteria submitted by the AOBIM to the AOA CME department

Credits will be applicable for specific practice performance modules completed

## Practice Performance

Diplomates will be required to participate in self-assessment of practice improvement and practice performance modules(PIM)

Must accumulate 100 points during each 9-10 year cycle and a minimum of 20 points during each 3 year cycle

The AOBIM will develop a point system for each activity completed

## Practice Performance

Examples for various activities are as follows:

Self-Evaluation of Medical Knowledge-minimum of 40 points required, maximum 60 points.

A minimum of 30 points must be obtained in the area related to their practice (e.g. subspecialists must accumulate points in their subspecialty area).

## Practice Performance

Examples for various activities are as follows:

Self-Evaluation of Practice Performance(e.g. AOA CAP;  
Communication module;  
Practice-Based learning modules;  
System-based practice modules;  
Self-directed practice improvement modules from external sources;  
Hospital-based PIM such as acute MI, heart failure,  
community-acquired pneumonia, prevention ventilator-associated pneumonia;  
Approved quality improvement pathways;  
Clinical supervision PIM for resident trainers;  
Essentials of quality improvement(for Diplomates not in practice).

A minimum of 40 points required, maximum 60 points.

## Secure Examination

Proctored secure examination will be required

Must be taken in the last two years of the 9-10 year cycle

Diplomates with non-time limited certificates may participate in OCC without the requirement to take the secure examination

## Board Review Course

Diplomates will be required to complete a Board Review course(or equivalent) in the specific area in which they are recertifying.

The Board Review course will count toward 20 points of Self-Evaluation of Medical Knowledge  
Must be completed within 2 years of the secure examination.

If recertifying in more than one area a total of 100 points is required for the OCC requirement, however a Board Review Course and satisfactory performance on the secure examination is required for each recertification.

# FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

OSTEOPATHIC CONTINUOUS CERTIFICATION  
(JANUARY 1, 2013)

Unrestricted Licensure

Continuing Medical Education Component

Practice Performance Assessment

Cognitive Assessment Component

Continuous AOA Membership Requirement

WEB SITE

[www.acoi.org](http://www.acoi.org)

Computer Exam Websites

[www.pearsonvue.com](http://www.pearsonvue.com)

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