



## **Policy on Professional Standing (Licensure) Requirements for Diplomates Practicing Outside the United States and Canada**

### **A. Policy overview**

The ABR recognizes that some of its diplomates may practice outside the United States and Canada but wish to maintain ABR certification. For those diplomates practicing outside the U.S. and Canada, Part 1 of MOC (professional standing) will be recognized if the diplomate holds and submits documentation of unrestricted licensure in the country in which he or she is practicing.

### **B. Policy details**

- Documentation of unrestricted licensure must be submitted annually.
- As with U.S. and Canadian practitioners, diplomates practicing outside the U.S. and Canada are required to report any license restrictions to the ABR within 60 days of their imposition.
- This policy applies to all physician diplomates, and to medical physicist diplomates practicing in any country that licenses medical physicists.

### **C. Requirements for international diplomates who also hold licensure in the U.S. and/or Canada**

- The ABR will continually monitor licensure actions reported through DANS (Disciplinary Action Notification Service), based on the Federation of State Medical Boards' database.
- If U.S. or Canadian licensure is revoked or suspended (or surrendered in lieu of investigation/action), the ABR will pursue withdrawal of the certificate according to its due process policy (even if there is continued unrestricted licensure in the diplomate's country of practice).
- The Board may also pursue withdrawal of the certificate if the diplomate's license has been placed on probation (unexpired) or put under special conditions/requirements, and if, upon review according to Board policy, the Board deems the restriction is of such nature and extent as to preclude continued certification during the time of the restrictions.

- Reinstatement will be considered when the license is returned to current and unrestricted status.

Please note: This policy is subject to amendment from time to time. Candidates and diplomates are advised to check the ABR website periodically for the most current version.