



The ABR Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program builds on the validity of the initial certification process and provides a framework for self-regulation by the profession to improve quality of care. The program evaluates, on a continuous basis, the six essential competencies initially developed in residency training:

Medical knowledge

Patient care and procedural skills

Interpersonal and communication skills

Professionalism

Practice-based learning and improvement

Systems-based practice

MOC uses four parts to evaluate these competencies. Diplomates attest to meeting the requirements of each part of MOC in their personal myABR accounts (<https://myabr.theabr.org>).

Useful Links

The American Board of Radiology
www.theabr.org

myABR
<https://myabr.theabr.org>

CME Gateway
www.cmegateway.org

ABMS Certification Verification Site
www.certificationmatters.org

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MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION (MOC) for Medical Physics

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ONE

Professionalism and Professional Standing

This part requires valid licensure in states where licensure is required for medical physicists (TX, FL, HI, NY). A diplomate must report any action against a license to the ABR within 60 days. For those not licensed, professional standing will be evaluated through a professional attestation. (See www.theabr.org/medical-physics/maintenance-of-certification/professionalism-professional-standing.)

TWO

Lifelong Learning and Self-Assessment

A minimum of 75 continuing education (CE) credits is required every three years. At least 25 of these must be credits from Self-Assessment CE (SA-CE). In addition to ABR-prequalified SAMs, the ABR will count all “enduring” CAMPEP or AMA Category 1 CE offerings. These include print, audio, video, and web-based materials. CE products without self-assessment instruments are eligible only for CE credit. Self-directed Educational Projects (SDEPs) are not required but may be counted for either CE or SA-CE credit. (See www.theabr.org/medical-physics/maintenance-of-certification/lifelong-learning-self-assessment.)

THREE

Assessment of Knowledge, Judgment, and Skills

This part requires passing the most recent performance evaluation for ABR’s Online Longitudinal Assessment (OLA) or passing a traditional exam in the previous five years.

Those who needed to pass an MOC exam by March 2, 2017 (as indicated on the Part 3 tab in myABR) were still required to take and pass the exam in 2016 to meet the Part 3 requirement. All other diplomates are deferred from completing the Part 3 requirement. They will need to participate in OLA once it’s available for their specialty. Diagnostic radiology and DR sub-pecialty diplomates started OLA in January, 2019, and medical physics begins in January, 2020.

FOUR

Improvement in Medical Practice

To satisfy Part 4, diplomates complete at least one Practice Quality Improvement (PQI) Project OR Participatory Quality Improvement Activity every three years. A PQI project or activity may be conducted repeatedly or continuously and may include an individual only, a group of diplomates, or an institutional multidisciplinary collaboration. The ABR honors each diplomate’s privilege to choose PQI activities or projects that are pertinent to his or her practice. (See www.theabr.org/medical-physics/maintenance-of-certification/medical-practice-improvement.)

MOC PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

The ABR’s MOC process, known as “Continuous Certification,” links the ongoing validity of certificates to meeting the requirements of MOC. Since 2012, new ABR certificates no longer have “valid-through” dates; instead, the date of initial certification is noted, accompanied by the statement that “ongoing validity of this certificate is contingent upon meeting the requirements of Maintenance of Certification.”

Progress is evaluated annually in March, using a rolling calendar-year annual review of the past three years. Diplomates must attest to meeting MOC requirements by March 1 each year. Attestations and payments are made through myABR at <https://myabr.theabr.org>.

MOC Year

Elements Checked

First

Licensure or Professional Attestation and OLA

Second

Licensure or Professional Attestation and OLA

Third

Licensure or Professional Attestation and OLA

Fourth

First FULL Annual Review:
Licensure or Professional Attestation, CE/SA-CE, OLA, PQI, Audit

Fifth & beyond

Licensure or Professional Attestation, CE/SA-CE, OLA, PQI, Audit

Element

Compliance Requirement

Licensure or
Attestation

Valid licensure in states where required for medical physicists
In other states, professional standing attestation

CE

At least 75 Category 1 CE credits in previous 3 years

SA-CE

At least 25 of the 75 Category 1 CE must be Self-Assessment CE (SA-CE).

OLA or
Traditional Exam

Passed the most recent performance evaluation for ABR OLA or passed a
traditional exam in the previous 5 years

PQI Project or
Activity

Completed at least one PQI Project or Participatory Quality
Improvement Activity in the previous 3 years

Audit

Achieved “compliant” audit status. Applies only to those selected for
an audit.

Diplomates must complete the annual attestation each year by March 1.