The ABR Continuing 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 continuing 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
Requirements for Continuing Certification (MOC)

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. Those without licensure must have one available attester as defined by the ABR.

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). Diplomates completing their OLA annual progress requirement are not required to complete SA-CE.

Assessment of Knowledge, Judgment, and Skills
This part requires passing the most recent Online Longitudinal Assessment (OLA) performance evaluation or having passed a Continuing Certification Exam in the previous five years.

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 their practice.

Continuing Certification (MOC) Participation Guidelines

The ABR’s MOC process, known as “Continuing 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.”

Element | Compliance Requirement
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Licensure or Attestation | Hold a valid licensure in states where required for medical physicists. In other states, professional standing attestation.
CE | Attained at least 75 Category 1 CE credits in previous three years.
SA-CE | At least 25 of the 75 Category 1 CE must be Self-Assessment CE (SA-CE). Diplomates completing their OLA annual progress requirement are not required to complete SA-CE.
OLA or Continuing Certification Exam | Pass the most recent OLA performance evaluation or have passed a Continuing Certification Exam in the previous five years.
PQI Project or Activity | Completed at least one PQI Project or Participatory Quality Improvement Activity in the previous three years.
Audit | Achieved “compliant” audit status. Applies only to those selected for an audit.