



AMERICAN BOARD
OF RADIOLOGY

Continuing Certification Policy

Policy:

The American Board of Radiology (ABR) requires every diplomate electing to participate in the Continuing Certification program to meet all requirements as listed below. Failure to meet the requirements may result in removal from the Continuing Certification program and loss of certification status.

Requirements:

Continuing Certification (CC) consists of four (4) parts:

- **Part 1 – Professionalism and Professional Standing:** Diplomates with certificates maintained in Continuing Certification must be licensed in accordance with the ABR Professional Standing Policy.
- **Part 2 – Lifelong Learning and Self-Assessment:** Physician diplomates must complete a total of 75 Category 1 CME credits within the past three (3) years. Medical physics diplomates can complete CE and SA-CE hours in place of CME.
 - For newly certified diplomates this requirement will begin with year four (4) of CC participation.
- **Part 3 – Assessment of Knowledge, Judgment, and Skill:** Diplomates must either pass an ABR examination within year four or five (4 or 5) or meet the Online Longitudinal Assessment (OLA) performance evaluation in year five (5) of their part 3 cycle.
- **Part 4 – Improvement in Medical Practice:** Diplomates must complete a Practice Quality Improvement project within the last three (3) years or complete a Participatory Activity.
 - For newly certified diplomates this requirement will begin with year four (4) of CC participation.

Other Program Information

- **Fees:** Fees are charged annually and must be current for access to program tools (including OLA and exam registration) and public reporting of certification status.
- **Audit:** If selected for an audit, a compliant status must be achieved within six (6) months from notice of the audit for CC participation to continue. Diplomates are advised to maintain their Part 2 and Part 4 documentation to support an audit request.
- **Special Circumstances:** Individual who are unable to meet program requirements due to unforeseen circumstances, such as a severe illness or military duty, should review the Special Circumstances Policy.

- **Subspecialty Certification:** Subspecialty certificates, to remain valid, require a valid primary certificate (i.e., if a DR continuing certificate lapses, the subspecialty will also become invalid).

Public Reporting

Diplomates who are in the Continuing Certification program will be publicly reported as participating, and certificates enrolled in Continuing Certification will be publicly reported as maintained.

- Declining Continuing Certification Participation and Continuing Certification Participation Re-Enrollment
 - Continuing Certification Participation Declination
 - Declining to participate in Continuing Certification will affect your public reporting status as displayed on the ABR and ABMS websites for certificate(s) selected. Continuing Certification public reporting status may be determined by the Continuing Certification Participation Guidelines, which can be found above.
 - Any Continuing Certification public reporting status changes will take effect immediately on the ABR website.
 - If a diplomate is declining Continuing Certification participation for a lifetime certificate, that certificate status remains certified, but public reporting will not show a maintained status.

Regaining Certification

To regain certification, a former diplomate must enroll in the Continuing Certification program and complete all required enrollment requirements which include passing a Continuing Certification Exam.

This policy is subject to change and modifications at any time. All changes must be approved by the ABR Board of Governors.