



AMERICAN BOARD  
OF RADIOLOGY

## Professional Standing Policy

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### Policy:

#### 1. Required Licensure:

##### a. Candidate:

- i. At the time of certification by the ABR the physician must hold either:
  1. a current, full, and unrestricted license to practice medicine in at least one jurisdiction in the United States its territories or Canada, or
  2. a "training license" under the supervision of the institution's training program.
- ii. Restrictions placed on a medical license must be reported to the ABR by the candidate within 60 days of their imposition.

##### b. Diplomat:

- i. All diplomates with certificates maintained in continuing certification must hold a license to practice medicine in a jurisdiction in the United States, its territories, or Canada.
  1. The ABR will evaluate all medical licenses currently or formerly held by the Physician. All licenses must be current, full, and unrestricted unless otherwise addressed in b.iii (below).
  2. Medical Physicists in states not requiring licensure must have an acceptable attestation, upon ABR request, completed by a professional associate of equal standing.
- ii. Actions taken against a license by any licensing body must be reported to the ABR by the physician or medical physicist within 60 days of their imposition. This policy applies to (a) all physician diplomates and (b) to medical physicist diplomates practicing in any jurisdiction that licenses medical physicists.
- iii. The requirement that each license be unrestricted as specified in b.i.1 may be waived at the

discretion of the Professionalism Committee based on the scope, duration, and reason for license restriction(s) when making this determination.

- iv. If a diplomate ceases to be certified because the diplomate does not hold a license to practice medicine as required in b.i (above), but the relevant medical licensure authority has specified a pathway for the former diplomate to regain their license to practice medicine, the Professionalism Committee in its discretion may waive the requirement for the former diplomate to pass a Continuing Certification Exam in order to regain certification. This waiver may be based on, without limitation, the reason for the loss of license, the pathway specified to regain licensure, and any experience or observation that other medical licensure authorities have restricted medical licenses (rather than revoked or suspended licenses) in similar circumstances. Such a waiver may apply for up to two years following the loss of the former diplomate's medical license, and will require that the former diplomate regain an unrestricted license to practice medicine within the specified waiver period. All other enrollment requirements to regain certification must be met.

## 2. Potential ABR Sanctions

There are many actions that may be taken by the licensing boards, but their terminology and operational definitions vary widely. The most common actions are Probation and Revocation, or various conditions applied to the licensure. The ABR will carefully consider each case individually and decide if ABR sanction is required.

Sanctions are implemented by staff under the supervision of the Executive Director based on the decisions of the ABR Professionalism Committee, the Hearing Committee or the Board of Governors (BOG). The ABR may, at its discretion, revoke certification for due cause as provided in the ABR bylaws or applicable policy. In addition, the ABR may impose other sanctions (outlined below) or determine that no action is needed.

### a. Applicant Sanctions:

- i. Applicant Probation: the applicant is eligible to submit an application for initial certification. Monitoring, periodic contacts and other requirements may be stipulated.
- ii. Loss of Applicant Standing: the individual is not permitted to submit an application for initial certification.

### b. Candidate Sanctions:

- i. Candidate Probation: the candidate is eligible to take exams and receive results. However, the candidate is not eligible for certification until licensure is unrestricted and the ABR determines that the individual has met other requirements for certification. Monitoring, periodic contacts and other requirements may be stipulated.
- ii. Loss of Candidate Standing: candidate is not permitted to take exams. Exams that have already been taken but not scored will not be scored. Candidates whose exam(s) have (had) been scored will not receive the result(s) of those exam(s). In addition, the candidate is not eligible for certification.

### c. Diplomate Sanctions

- i. Diplomat Probation: Probation status does not impact the diplomate's certification; monitoring and periodic contacts and other requirements may be stipulated.
- ii. Diplomat Certification Revoked: Diplomat ceases to be certified and is not eligible for certification.

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