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Re-Obtaining Board Certification

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Diplomates whose Board certification has lapsed, been revoked, or been otherwise sanctioned must complete a reinstatement process detailed by the Board in order to obtain a new certificate.

As of 2015, diplomates can re-obtain ABO certification by completing the MOC components listed below, also known as the “MOC Fast Track” Re-Entry Process, within a **three-year timeframe**:

- **Part 1: Professionalism & Professional Standing**
Hold a valid and unrestricted license to practice medicine at all times.
- **Part 2: Lifelong Learning & Self-Assessment**
Attest to the completion of 250 CME once at any time during the 3-year Fast Track Process using the attestation link on MOC Status Page and complete Two Periodic Ophthalmic Review Tests (PORTs).
- **Part 3: Assessment of Knowledge, Judgment & Skills**
Pass the Demonstration of Ophthalmic Cognitive Knowledge (DOCK) examination.
- **Part 4: Improvement in Medical Practice**
Complete an approved quality improvement activity. You may choose to design your own quality improvement program, participate in a multi-specialty improvement program, or complete an online Practice Improvement Module.

Upon successful completion of these steps, a new certificate valid for a period of ten (10) years shall be awarded.

The ABO currently issues certificates twice per year:

- January 1 (if MOC activities are completed by December 31 of the previous year) and
- July 1 (if MOC activities are completed between January 1 and June 30)

Credit for Previous MOC Activities

Any MOC credit earned during the most recent 10-year cycle will remain valid for three years following the date of certificate expiration. This means that diplomates may apply these activities toward meeting the requirements of the MOC Fast Track recertification process.

However, once the initial three-year window has closed, all MOC activities completed during the previous 13 years will become invalid.

Individuals who have been decertified for a period of four or more years may submit an application to begin MOC Fast Track with a clean slate, and will be granted three years to complete all MOC requirements in effect at the time of application.