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CME ATTESTATION POLICY

Effective 2/1/16

Continuing Medical Education (CME) is an important part of the Lifelong Learning and Self-Assessment component of Maintenance of Certification (MOC). Accredited educational courses and live activities completed throughout the 10-year certification cycle help diplomates strengthen key competencies integral to the continued delivery of high quality patient care.

Effective February 2016, diplomates will demonstrate satisfactory completion of Part 2 MOC requirements through an online attestation process. Submission of individual CME course details is no longer required; however, diplomates should be able to produce documentation of their CME history in the event of a random audit.

Rules MOC Track 1

(Certificate expiration on or before December 31, 2020)

- **Requirement:** Diplomates must obtain 250 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™* during the 10-year cycle. At least 80 percent of CME must be specific to ophthalmology.
- **Policy:** Diplomates will attest to the completion of all required CME **once** at any time during the 10-year cycle. The ability to attest will be granted through a link on the MOC Status Page. Diplomates who do not attest to completion of all CME by the end of the 10-year cycle will be decertified.

Rules for MOC Track 2

(Certificate expiration on or after December 31, 2021)

- **Requirement:** Diplomates must obtain an average of 25 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™* annually, of which 8 credits must be Self-Assessment CME (SACME) <http://abop.org/maintain-certification/part-2-lifelong-learning-self-assessment/sacme/> At least 80 percent of CME must be specific to ophthalmology.
- **Policy:** Diplomates in Year 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10 of their MOC cycle will attest to the completion of 50 credits of CME, which includes at least 16 credits of SACME, for each two-year interval. The ability to attest will be granted through a link on the MOC Status Page. **For Track 2 diplomates, attestation every two years is required.** Failure to attest to CME every two years may impact a diplomate's public MOC Participation standing on the ABO website. Diplomates who do not attest to completion of all CME by the end of the 10-year cycle will be decertified.



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Rules for Lifetime Active and Decertified Active Diplomates (Engaged in “Fast-Track” Process)

- **Requirement:** Diplomates must obtain 250 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™* during the past 10 years. At least 80 percent of CME must be specific to ophthalmology.
- **Policy:** Diplomates will attest to the completion of all required CME **once** at any time during their Fast Track Process. The ability to attest will be granted through a link on the MOC Status Page.

AUDIT / VERIFICATION PROCESS

On an annual basis, the ABO will randomly select some diplomates for verification of CME participation. The ABO will first attempt to verify a diplomate’s CME history using the diplomate’s current medical licensure standing. If the ABO is unable to verify a diplomate’s CME completion with the state medical licensing board, the diplomate will be asked to verify completion of CME in one of two ways:

- Downloading a CME transcript directly from the diplomate’s American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) CME Tracker to submit to the ABO; or
- Submitting a spreadsheet containing the course name, date, location, sponsor, and number of credits for all CME obtained during the current attestation period.

Diplomates who are not up to date in CME attestation will be more likely to be selected for audit.

PREVIOUS CME SUBMISSIONS

CME histories submitted to the ABO prior to February 2016 will be archived in the diplomate’s MOC record and will remain available for download; however, the ABO’s online CME tracking tool will be discontinued.