

Report of the ADA-Recognized Dental Specialty Certifying Boards

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INTRODUCTION

The Report of the ADA-Recognized Dental Specialty Certifying Boards contains information collected from the dental specialty certifying boards recognized by the American Dental Association's Council on Dental Education and Licensure. This report is updated annually and contains the following information about each of the nine recognized dental specialty certifying boards:

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THE ADA RECOGNIZED DENTAL SPECIALTY CERTIFYING BOARDS AND KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THE REPORT

- American Board of Dental Public Health (DPH)
- American Board of Endodontics (Endo)
- American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology (OMP)
- American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology (OMR)
- American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMS)
- The American Board of Orthodontics (Orth)
- American Board of Pediatric Dentistry (Ped)
- American Board of Periodontology (Perio)
- American Board of Prosthodontics (Pros)

CERTIFICATION AND EXAMINATION DATA: 2006

	DPH	Endo	OMP	OM R	OMS	Orth	Ped	Perio	Pros
Founding Date	1951	1956	1948	1979	1946	1929	1940	1940	1946
Date ADA Recognition	1951	1964	1950	2000	1947	1950	1948	1940	1948
Number Certified Without Examination From Founding Date Through 12/31/06	12	34	7	74	15	98	15	0	69
Number Certified By Examination Through 12/31/06	285	1,282	417	94	6,498	4,637	1,836	2,378	1,589
Total Certified Through 12/31/06	297	1,316	424	168	6,513	4,735	1,851	2,378	1,658
Number Deceased, Dropped or Placed on Inactive Roll Through 12/31/06	144	524	128	71	1,890	3,450	183	267	590
Number of Active Diplomates as of 12/31/06	155	792	296	97	4,417	3,111	1,668	2,111	1,068
Total Number Diplomates Recertified since Inception of Recertification. *				25	754	204	42*	1,807	568

* 13 recertified in 2005 but not recorded on last years report.

2006 DATA

	DPH	Endo	OMP	OM R	OMS	Orth	Ped	Perio	Pros
Number Certified in 2006	4	39	12	7	173	84	274	199	33
Number Deceased, Dropped or Placed on Inactive Roll	8	23	11	6	71	112	11	3	5
Number of Applications Received	5	303	15	8	519	616	290	426 ***	182
Number of Acceptable Applications Received	5	303	15	8	494	616	290	426	182
Number of Unacceptable Applications Received	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0
Number of Diplomates Recertified in 2006. *			**	4	135	25	14	466	19

* Complete only if Board has a process for recertification.

** First recertification exam will be offered in 2011.

*** There were 183 written exam applications and 243 oral exam applications.

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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

	DPH (5)	Endo (1)	OMP	OM R	OMS (6)	Orth	Ped (2)	Perio (3)	Pros (4)
Professional									
ADA or NDA Membership	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Specialty Society Membership	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Education									
Years of Advanced Education ¹ in Addition to DDS or DMD Degree	2	2-3	3	2	4	2-3	2-3	3	3
Experience									
Total Years of Specialty Experience Including Advanced Education ¹	4	4	3	2	5	2-3	2-3	3	3
Other									
Citizenship	Any	Any	Any	Any	Any	Any	Any	Any	Any
State Licensure	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No

- (1) Students enrolled in an ADA-accredited endodontic program can take the written examination in the same year as their graduation.
- (2) Candidates may register for the Qualifying Examination in their final year of training if they expect to successfully complete their training and be awarded their certificate/diploma within 100 days after the examination date.
- (3) Candidates may take written exam (Part I) after successful completion of their advanced education program.
- (4) Students in their final year of training may elect to take the Part I written examination and one additional part (total 2 parts) in February of their final year.
- (5) Candidates may take the written examination 1) after successful completion of their advanced education program, or 2) candidates who are completing their educational requirements at the time of application, will require a letter of support from the residency or program director verifying the date when residency requirements are expected to be completed before the written examination is scheduled.
- (6) Applicants for certification by the ABOMS must be graduates of a U.S. or Canadian dental program recognized by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) or from a foreign dental school that provides equivalent educational backgrounds. Applicants must have completed advanced educational oral and maxillofacial surgery (OMS) programs accredited by CODA. Applicants trained in programs not accredited by CODA must provide verification that their OMS training was of equivalent educational backgrounds. In addition, these applicants must complete 1) at least 12 months of OMS training at the senior resident level in an accredited program, which is verified by the program director. The program director must also verify that all of the program's educational requirements have been met by said applicant to the satisfaction of the ABOMS; or 2) an accredited fellowship that is a minimum of 12 months duration which is verified by the program director, or 3) 12 consecutive months as a full-time faculty member in an accredited OMS training program during the past 2 years which is verified by the department chairman in OMS.

¹ Advanced Education refers to postdoctoral education programs accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation. The dental specialty certifying boards require completion of an advanced education program in the specialty, which is accredited by the ADA Commission on Dental Accreditation, as an eligibility criterion for board certification.

EXAMINATION PROCEDURES

Written Examination	DPH	Endo	OMP	OM R	OMS	Orth	Ped	Perio	Pros
Objective Examination	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Essay Examination	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Oral Examination	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Case History Presentation	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
Clinical	No	No	Yes *	No	No	Yes	Yes **	No	No
Thesis	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No

* Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology requires a two-part practical surgical pathology examination in addition to the written and clinical examination.

** Pediatric Dentistry - Clinical Section-Site Visit Option, Case Review Option, or Oral Clinical Examination Option.

APPLICATION AND REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

	DPH	Endo	OMP	OMR	OMS	Orth	Ped	Perio	Pros
Application Fee	\$ 200	\$ 250	\$1000	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$300	\$ 100	\$450	\$ 150
Total Fee	\$ 450 (6)	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$ 950	\$4,125 (3 exams)	\$2,550	\$2,700	\$ 1,250	\$1,125
Years Application Valid	5	3	5	3	2 and 3 (3)	5	5	2	6
Re-examination Fee	\$ 100	(1)	\$ 1,000	\$250 - one section \$700 - entire exam	\$1,250 (4)	\$ 800	(2)	Written \$450 Oral \$800	(5)
Eligibility Determined By:	Bd.	B.C.	B.C.	Bd.	B.C.	Bd.	Bd.	Bd.	B.C.
Candidates Notified of Results Within:	1 Mo.	2 Wks.	2 Wks.	2-4 Wks.	4-5 Wks.	3-4 Wks.	2-4 Wks.	3-4 Wks.	1 Wk.
Annual Re-registration Fee	\$ 80	\$225	\$150	\$ 135	\$ 100	\$ 125	\$ 95	\$ 225	\$150

Bd. = Board

B.C. = Board Committee

- (1) Endo:** Written Exam = \$170.00
Oral Exam = \$250.00
Case Histories = \$250.00
- (2) Ped:** Qualifying Examination = \$700
Site Visit Examination = \$2000
Oral Clinical Examination = \$2000
- (3) OMS:** Written Qualifying Exam = 2 years
Oral Exam = 3 years
Re-exam = 3 years
- (4) OMS:** Qualifying Exam = \$1000
Oral Exam = \$2500
Re-App = \$175
Re-exam = \$450
Admin fee = \$250
- (5) Pros:** Re-examination Fee
Per Part = \$200 (Written=\$375)
Re-application Fee = \$150
- (6) DPH:** Written exam only=\$50 (\$50 fee will later be deducted from total exam fee of \$450)

RE-EXAMINATION POLICY

DENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH Candidates who fail the examination will be accepted for re-examination. Candidates who fail the re-examination will be required to submit evidence of further formal training or supervised field experience before being accepted for an additional re-examination.

ENDODONTICS Candidates who fail one component of the examination will be accepted for re-examination in that component if the two-three year period of board eligibility for that component has not expired. Failure to pass a re-examination in a single component results in termination of the candidate's board eligibility. Candidates, other than those who applied under the educational waiver, may file a new application, on a two-time basis, and be examined over all components of the examination.

ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL PATHOLOGY Candidates who fail the examination may retake it each year within the five-(5) year period dating from the time of initial application.

ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL RADIOLOGY Candidates who fail to successfully complete one of the three sections of the examination may be permitted, on application to the Board and payment of a re-examination fee, to repeat just that section. Candidates who fail to successfully complete two or three sections of the examination may be permitted, on application to the Board and payment of a re-examination fee, to repeat the entire examination. (1) A candidate failing any portion of the examination who wishes to repeat any portion must submit a written request to the Board through the Secretary-Treasurer by May 15. (2) A re-examination fee of \$250.00 (U.S.) for permission to repeat one section and \$700.00 (U.S.) for permission to repeat the entire examination must accompany the request. (3) A candidate who fails any portion of the examination three times and who wishes to challenge the examination again must resubmit an application as a new applicant. Eligibility for re-examination will be at the discretion of the Directors who will review evidence of additional study and experience to support candidacy for re-examination.

ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY **Qualifying Examination**
A candidate who fails the Qualifying Examination may retake the examination. A non-refundable re-examination fee will be required and must be submitted prior to August 1 of the following year.

A candidate who does not pass the Qualifying Examination in the allotted time must reapply. A new application form and appropriate fees are required. The applicant who reapplies must show evidence of further training and/or educational experiences which shall be evaluated by the Board.

Oral Certifying Examination

A candidate who fails the Oral Certifying Examination may repeat the examination. A non-refundable re-examination fee will be required.

RE-EXAMINATION POLICY (cont)

**ORAL AND
MAXILLOFACIAL
SURGERY
(Cont)**

A candidate who does not pass the Oral Certifying Examination in the time allotted must reapply to repeat the certification process in its entirety. The applicant who reapplies must show evidence of further training and/or educational experiences. These documents are reviewed by the Board to determine the applicant's eligibility for further examination. Examination fees are required in the reapplication process.

**ORTHODONTICS
AND DENTOFACIAL
ORTHOPEDICS**

Examinees who do not successfully complete the Written Examination in five years from date of application must re-apply. Examinees may repeat the examination as many times as the examination is available in the five-year established time frame.

Examinees, who receive an incomplete in the Clinical Examination, have two more opportunities in a five year period, to successfully complete the requirements for certification.

**PEDIATRIC
DENTISTRY**

A candidate may repeat a section examination an unlimited number of times within the five-year eligibility period. Otherwise, credit for any successfully completed examinations will be forfeited.

PERIODONTICS

Until, 2008, any phase of the examination may be retaken without restriction but the entire examination must be successfully completed within six years of successful completion of Part I (Written Examination). Otherwise, credit for any successfully completed phase will be forfeited. Candidates who received board eligibility status on or after 2003 have 2 years eligibility--must complete by 2 years.

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Should candidates fail all or part of the examination, they may apply at any time for re-examination and must pay the appropriate fee for each part. The candidate should remember that the entire examination process must be completed within six consecutive years from the date board eligibility was initially approved. If the candidate fails any part three times, board eligibility is forever forfeited and may not be re-established, except under unusual extenuating circumstances which the Board may determine.

RECERTIFICATION POLICY

DENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH

Beginning on January 1, 2000, recertification by the Board will require completion of an average of ten (10) hours annually of continuing education from an approved CERP or a public health organization. Scholarly activity, such as manuscripts published in peer-reviewed journals, presentations at scientific meetings and providing continuing education courses and lectures will be counted toward these ten (10) hours.

In addition, the Board will initiate a voluntary recertification program for all diplomates certified prior to January 1, 2000. These diplomates will be requested to seek voluntary recertification within ten (10) years beginning in 2000 (by 2010). Upon review of the diplomates' recertification credentials, the American Board of Dental Public Health will issue a supplemental certificate that will remain valid for ten (10) years.

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Applicants making Preliminary Application on or after January 1, 1997 will be required to take a recertification examination every ten years from the date they are declared Diplomates by the American Board of Endodontics. The purpose of recertification is to ensure that Diplomates are current in the science and clinical practice of the specialty of Endodontics. The Diplomate must earn a minimum of 25 credits every ten years to maintain board certification. Credits may be earned by the following professional activities that are directed to the scientific and/or clinical scope of the specialty of Endodontics:

1. Attendance at the Annual Session of the American Association of Endodontics – 2 credits per Annual Session with a maximum of 16 credits.
2. Attendance at continuing education courses for endodontists approved or sponsored by the American Association of Endodontists or state or regional affiliated endodontic association – 1 credit per course with a maximum of 15 credits.
3. Primary authorship of a published peer-reviewed article or book chapter relative to the specialty of Endodontics – 2 credits each with a maximum of 6 credits.
4. Full-time faculty teaching Endodontics – credit equal to full-time equivalent (FTE) commitment per year with a maximum of 5 credits.
5. Part-time faculty teaching Endodontics – credit equal to full-time equivalent (FTE) commitment per year with a maximum of 2 credits.

The Diplomate may begin to accumulate credits following his/her initial certification date, thus establishing the recertification process as a continuing learning experience. The formal application for recertification shall be made between the seventh and tenth year from the original date of board certification. Following approval of the recertification application by the Directors of the American Board of Endodontics, the Diplomate will be issued a new ten-year time-limited certificate to date from the tenth anniversary of the initial certificate.

Diplomates who submitted Preliminary Applications prior to January 1, 1997, and complete the examination process without having to make a second Preliminary Application after January 1, 1997, are not subject to recertification. However, the Directors of the American Board of Endodontics encourage all Diplomates to seek and maintain the highest level of knowledge of technical skills in the specialty of Endodontics.

RECERTIFICATION POLICY (cont)

ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL PATHOLOGY

The Board has a voluntary Continued Competency Assurance Program in place. Ten-year, time-limited certificates were implemented in 2004. The first recertification exam will be offered in 2011.

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ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL RADIOLOGY

The American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology (ABOMR) strongly values continuing education and expresses so in its mission statement. Compliance with continuing education requirements and other professional activities directed toward maintaining and increasing knowledge, skills and competence in OMR shall be required of all active Diplomates. **Attainment of at least 50 points over a three year period is required for recertification.** Diplomates will be responsible for maintaining their own records and documentation. The ABOMR Recertification Committee has been instructed to audit 5% of active Diplomates annually. These Diplomates will be required to submit documented proof of CEU attainment to the Committee. Diplomates who fail to meet the requirements will be placed on a one-year probation period, and appeals can be made during that time. Failure to comply with the requirements at the end of the probation period may result in revocation of certification as a Diplomate. The Board of Directors will consider petitions from individuals who may have extenuating circumstances for not meeting their obligations.

CEUs derived from CE activities are calculated using the following guidelines:

1. Attendance at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology, or other national or international conferences, CE course, seminars or workshops related to OMR (1 CEU per hour of credit awarded)
2. CE courses or other presentations given related to OMR (2 CEUs per hour of CE given; 2 CEUs per abstract poster or oral abstract presentation)
3. Publications dealing with OMR
 - a. Primary/first author in a peer-reviewed journal; book; book chapter; monograph (10 CEUs per publication)
 - b. Contributing author in a peer-reviewed journal; book; book chapter, monograph (5 CEUs per publication)
 - c. Primary/first author in a non-refereed publication (5 CEUs per publication)

A minimum of 20 points in 3 years must be earned from activities #1-#3.

4. Teaching
 - a. Full time faculty status (10 CEUs per academic year)
 - b. Part time faculty status (1 CEU per half day per week per academic year)
5. Clinical Practice in OMR
 - a. Full time (10 CEUs per year)
 - b. Part time (1 CEU per half day per week per year)

A maximum number of 30 points in 3 years may be earned from activities #4-#5.

Adopted October 15, 1997.

Revised October 2, 2001; Dec. 2, 2003.

RECERTIFICATION POLICY (cont)

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In 1990, the Board began to issue time-limited certificates, which are valid for ten years. The Recertification Examination is a clinically-oriented, computer-delivered examination. Diplomates with unlimited certificates shall be encouraged to participate in the voluntary recertification program, but are under no obligation to do so and suffer no consequences if they fail to pass the Recertification Examination. The Diplomate has five (5) years to take and pass the examination. Successful candidates shall be issued a time-limited certificate. A Diplomate may take the Recertification Examination beginning three years before the expiration of his/her current 10-year certificate. Successful recertification candidates will be issued new 10-year certificates. The new certificate will expire 10 years after the current (original) certificate.

In 2009 the ABOMS will launch the Certification Maintenance Process. This is an integrated approach to address continued proficiency for OMS practitioners.

ORTHODONTICS AND DENTOFACIAL ORTHOPEDICS

1998 initiates the first stage for recertification of ABO diplomates. At initial application, candidates will be informed that the Board will issue time limited certificates.

PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY

Pediatric Dentists who applied for Board Eligibility after September 6, 1991 will be issued a time-limited certificate (10 years) after successfully completing the certification process.

A Diplomate with a 10-year time-limited certificate will be eligible to apply for the Web-based examination in year 9 and must complete the examination prior to the end of the 10th year.

Diplomates who applied for Board Eligibility prior to September 6, 1991 are not affected, but are encouraged to apply for voluntary examination.

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PERIODONTICS

Statement of compliance to continuing educational requirements and other professional activities directed toward maintaining current knowledge and competence in Periodontics shall be required of all Diplomates every three years, except those in retired status. Failure to meet this requirement will cause the Diplomate to be placed on inactive status.

Attainment of at least (15) fifteen points is required for recertification. Points may be accumulated in the following ways (activities on one-half (1/2) day or shorter will earn one-half (1/2) point; one point (1) may be counted for activities longer than a half-day, up to a full day) :

RECERTIFICATION POLICY

PERIODONTICS (cont)

Points	Activity
(7)	Attendance at The American Academy of Periodontology Annual Meeting
(5)	Attendance at a national or international multiple day meetings that are within the scope of periodontics
(2) per day	Attendance at Regional Meetings either National or International devoted to Topics within the scope of periodontics
(2) per day	Attendance at conferences related to topics within the scope of periodontics, sponsored by a University or The American Academy of Periodontology.
(2) per day	Courses taken applicable to topics within the scope of periodontics.
(4) per day	Courses given applicable to topics within the scope of periodontics.
(1)	Courses taken online related to topics within the scope of periodontics.
(3)	Publication, as primary author, in: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) National and/or International Journal (those listed in Index of Dental Literature) b) Book Chapter(s)
(2)	Publication, as primary author, in State Dental Journals
(1)	Publication, as secondary author
(1) per day	Teaching – a maximum of fourteen points during a six-year period may be credited for teaching.

or

Complete Self Study Recertification (SSR) offered on web at www.perio.org/amboard/recertification

PROSTHODONTICS

Summary-Requirements for Recertification.

Complete (40) points of continuing education. Completion of at least one (1) self-assessment. Progression of continued proficiency will be monitored yearly.

Continuing Education: Beginning January 1, 1996, attainment of at least forty (40) points in an eight-year period will be required of all Diplomates except those in a Life Diplomat status. **A maximum of ten (10) points per year will be allowed towards the total for forty (40) points.** Points may be accumulated in the following ways:

1. Attendance at a scientific session sponsored by a major Prosthodontic organization (one point per day).
2. Other courses, conferences and meetings applicable to Prosthodontics preferably "CERP" approved (one point per day).
- 3.* Publications in peer reviewed Journals (not to include abstracts), (two points per publication).
- 4.* Prosthodontic book chapters (one point per chapter).
- 5.* Professional lectures given and study club activities related to prosthodontics (one point per day).

***A maximum of sixteen (16) points in an eight (8) year period may be credited from publications, lectures and study group activities. Activities of ½ day will earn ½ point (three hours equal ½ point).**

Self-Assessment

A self assessment of recent Prosthodontic advances will be prepared by the Board. This test can be requested on the annual registration form beginning in 1998. A package of questions with score card will be mailed to the Diplomates requesting the self-assessment. The completed score card will be mailed to the Executive Director of the Board, logged and scored.

At least one (1) documented self-assessment is required in the eight (8) year certification period.