

The ABPN Guide to MOC

What is Maintenance of Certification?

The Maintenance of Certification Program (MOC) of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology (ABPN) reflects the Board's commitment to lifelong learning throughout one's profession. The mission of MOC is to ensure that diplomates adhere to the highest standards in medicine and pursue excellence in all areas of care and practice improvement.

The ABPN has developed an MOC program that includes four components:

Part I: Professionalism and Professional Standing

- Physicians must hold an active, full, and unrestricted medical license in the U.S. or Canada.
- All licenses must be kept up-to-date in ABPN Physician Folios.

Part II: Lifelong Learning (CME) and Self-Assessment (SA)

- Diplomates choose their own Category 1 CME activities.
- Self-Assessment CME (SA CME) activities are selected from the ABPN Approved Products list or diplomates gain credit for up to two different types of Non-CME Self-Assessment Activity Options.
- SA CME credits contribute to the overall number of CME.
- Includes a one-time Patient Safety activity for those certified in 2016 and after.

Part III: Assessment of Knowledge, Judgment, and Skills

- Take an exam every 10 years or participate in the MOC Part III Pilot Project.

Part IV: Improvement in Medical Practice (PIP)

- Diplomates identify and implement areas for improvement based on review of their own patient charts (Clinical Module) OR collect feedback on clinical performance from peers or patients via a questionnaire/survey (Feedback Module).
- Diplomates must select and complete their own PIP activity from the Approved Products list or an alternate PIP activity listed on the ABPN website.

- Visit the ABPN website at www.abpn.com for more on MOC activities and to learn if you are already fulfilling requirements through your institution.
- Manage and attest to MOC activities and pay an annual fee (\$175 in 2019) in your ABPN Physician Folios account at www.abpn.com/folios.
- Email questions@abpn.com or call the MOC Helpline at 847.229.6512 for more information.



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MOC Roadmap

When Were You Last Certified?	MOC Program	Program Breakdown
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A January 1, 2008 – December 31, 2011	10 YEAR MOC PROGRAM	PART REQUIREMENT DEADLINE		
		CME	300 Credits	10 Years
		Self-Assessment	24 Credits	10 Years
		PIP	1 Component: Clinical OR Feedback	10 Years
		MOC Exam	1 Exam	10 Years
NOTE: Once you recertify (2019-2021) you will move to the 2016+ Continuous MOC Requirements (Row C)				

B January 1, 2012 – December 31, 2015	CONTINUOUS MOC PROGRAM	PART REQUIREMENT DEADLINE		
		CME	90 Credits	3 Years
		Self-Assessment	24 Credits	3 Years
		PIP	1 Component: Clinical OR Feedback	3 Years
		MOC Exam	1 Exam	10 Years

C January 1, 2016+	CONTINUOUS MOC PROGRAM	PART REQUIREMENT DEADLINE		
		Patient Safety	1 Activity	1 Time
		CME	90 Credits	3 Years
		Self-Assessment	24 Credits	3 Years
		PIP	1 Component: Clinical OR Feedback	3 Years
		MOC Exam	1 Exam	10 Years
NOTE: Once the 3 year cycle is complete, begin the Continuous MOC Program again.				

- Please check the exam schedule and application deadlines on our website for the latest information.
- All diplomates entering the ABPN C-MOC Program whose first block began in 2017 or later are required to do or have done a patient safety activity within three years prior or three years after entering the C-MOC Program.
- Diplomates must pay the annual fee (\$175 in 2019) in their Physician Folios account.
- Beginning in 2019, eligible diplomates may participate in the MOC Part III Pilot Project. The project is a professional journal article-based assessment activity designed as an optional alternative to the current secure, proctored 10-year MOC examination. See our website for details.



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