

# Concise Guide to Maintenance of Certification

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*This guide was created to facilitate navigation of the MOC process and to highlight main points. While every effort was made to ensure the accuracy of the information provided, the ABPN is the final authority on all requirements and responsibility ultimately rests with the individual for ensuring appropriate and timely completion of all activities (contact the ABPN directly with [Questions](#)).*

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With the launch of the new assessment pathway, all current 3-year blocks have been automatically reset to 2022–2024. Diplomates who were issued a 10-year certificate and due for a recertification exam in 2020 and/or 2021 will need to pass the traditional exam or the article exams by the end of 2022.

## Guide to [Maintenance of Certification](#)

Pathway	10-year program (10-yr)  <a href="#">MOC FAQs</a>	Continuous program (C-MOC)  <a href="#">MOC FAQs</a>	Article-based program (ABCC)  <a href="#">ABCC FAQs</a>
	All Diplomates in the 10-yr program will be automatically enrolled in the C-MOC program upon passing the exam, the 10-yr program will sunset in 2022.		As of 2022, everyone will be automatically enrolled in the ABCC (unless C-MOC selected). <i>BUT</i> , may not pursue this pathway after 6 years of inactivity.
	<b>Lifetime certificate holders.</b> Certified and not meeting MOC requirements, but may elect to do so <a href="#">voluntarily</a> . For those certified prior to 10/1/1994.		
<i>When last certified</i>	Between 1/1/2010 and 12/31/2011.	Starting on 1/1/2012 and anytime after.	Starting on 1/1/2012 and anytime after.
<i>Fees (annual)</i>	\$175.00 for one certification, \$240.00 for two certifications.		

**Part I:** This requirement is the same for everyone.

### Professionalism and Professional Standing

1. Hold an active and unrestricted medical license.
2. Keep progress up-to-date in the ABPN [physician portal](#) (previously *Folios*).

**Part II:** Difference is in total number of category 1 CME and self-assessment credits required, and timeline for completion. [Self-assessment](#) credits contribute to the overall number of CME credits, and this requirement can be fulfilled by completing the annual ACLP pre-conference exam.

Includes a one-time [patient safety activity](#) that applies to all pathways if certified in 2017 or later.

### Lifelong Learning (CME), Self-Assessment (SA), and Patient Safety

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 300 Category 1 CME credits over 10 years.</li> <li>2. 24 Self-assessment credits over 10 years.</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 90 Category 1 CME credits every 3-year block.</li> <li>2. 24 Self-assessment credits every 3-year block.</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 90 Category 1 CME credits every 3-year block.</li> <li>2. 24 Self-assessment credits every 3-year block.</li> </ol> |
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**Part III:** [Exam](#) versus [articles](#).

A [combined examination](#) is offered for Psychiatry and C-L Psychiatry.

### Assessment and Knowledge, Judgment Skills

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| Take an exam every 10 years. | Take an exam every 10 years. | Read 30 journal articles every 3-year block (90 total), and pass a short quiz after each one. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 50 articles every 3-year block for 2 certifications, 20 per certification and 10 flexible (150 total).</li> </ul> <p><b>Access to articles:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Psychiatry</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">C-L Psychiatry</a></li> </ul> |
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**Part IV:** Difference is in the number of activities required and timeline for completion.

Identify and implement improvement in practice through one of the following:

- [Clinical module](#), or,
- [Feedback module](#)

An ABPN approved clinical module [activity](#) is available to ACLP members for free.

### Improvement in Medical Practice (PIP)

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| Once every 10 years. | Once every 3-year block. | Once every 3-year block. |
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