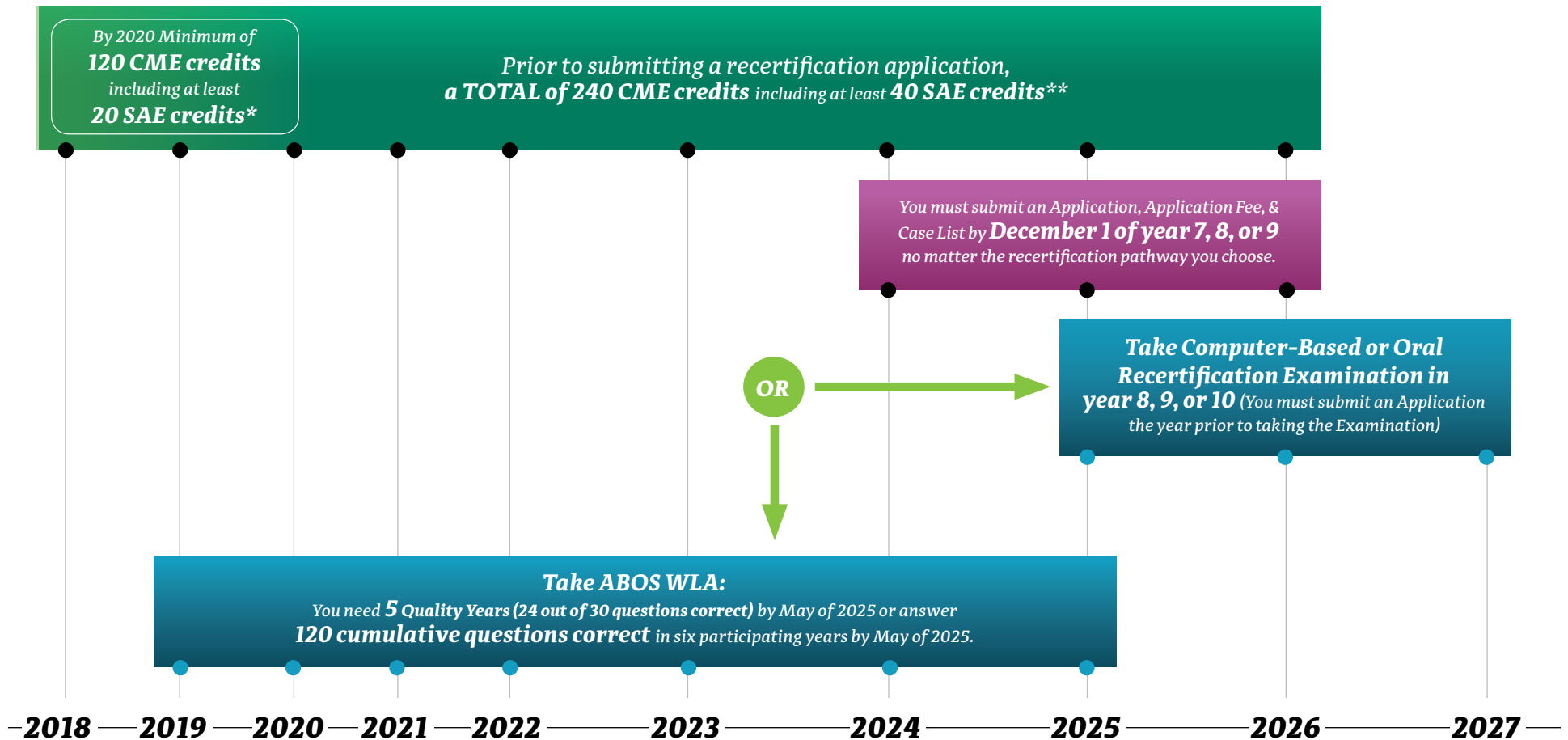


# American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery (ABOS)

## Maintenance of Certification

### Certificate Expiring in 2027



To see where you are, log into [www.ABOS.org](http://www.ABOS.org)

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\*\*This includes the 120/20 needed to participate in maintain your status as "Participating in MOC."

# Four Parts of Maintenance of Certification

These are the requirements no matter what Knowledge Assessment Pathway you choose: Computer-Based Recertification Examination, Oral Recertification Examination, or ABOS Web-Based Longitudinal Assessment (ABOS WLA)

## Part I –Evidence of Professional Standing

You must have a medical license and hold hospital or surgical center privileges.

## Part II –Evidence of Lifelong Learning

In order to maintain your designation on the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery's (ABOS) website as **“Participating in MOC: Yes,”** a minimum of **120 orthopaedic-related Category I Continuing Medical Education (CME) credits**, of which at least **20 credits are from Self-Assessment Examinations (SAE)** or ABOS-approved practice improvement activities, must be **submitted by the end of the third year** of your 10-year Maintenance of Certification (MOC) cycle.

Prior to submitting a recertification application, you will need a total of **240 CME credits**, **40 of which are SAE credits** or ABOS-approved practice improvement activities. This includes the 120/20 needed to maintain your status as **“Participating in MOC.”**

## Part III –Evidence in Cognitive Expertise

You have the option to take a Computer-Based Recertification Examination (nine options), an Oral Recertification Examination, or the ABOS Web-Based Longitudinal Assessment (ABOS WLA).

## Part IV –Evidence of Performance in Practice

You must submit an Application, Application Fee, and Case List by **December 1 of Year 7, 8, or 9**. If taking ABOS WLA, you still need to complete an Application, Application Fee, and Case List in **Year 7, 8, or 9**. The Application and Case List are **available in January each year**.

Recertification Candidates will begin collecting with the first surgical case of the calendar year and collect all consecutive surgical cases in that year up to the point where the Recertification Candidate reaches 75 cases. Candidates may stop collecting cases when either:

- **They have collected 75 cases or**
- **On November 30, they have collected at least 35 cases.**

Those who are not able to reach the 35-case minimum from January 1–November 30 should contact the ABOS.

## ABOS WLA

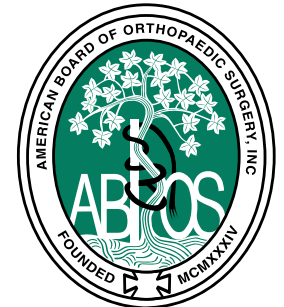
The American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery (ABOS) is offering a new Knowledge Assessment pathway that ABOS Diplomates may choose instead of an ABOS Computer-Based or Oral Recertification Examination to satisfy the Part III Requirement of ABOS's Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Program.

The Web-Based Longitudinal Assessment Program (ABOS WLA) allows Diplomates to answer questions relevant to their everyday practice at a time that works for them, using their own computer, in whatever location they prefer.

There are more than 100 Knowledge Sources from all areas of orthopaedic surgery on the ABOS website. These Knowledge Sources—journal articles, practice guidelines, AUCs, and other similar options—were chosen by practicing orthopaedic surgeons from across the country. Participating Diplomates will pick 15 of these Knowledge Sources to study in-depth that are the sources for the ABOS WLA multiple-choice questions.

On April 15, 2019, a five-week window will open to answer the 30 questions. For those who want to participate, there is a \$260 assessment fee for each year of participation (\$300 for those who hold a Subspecialty Certificate).

Diplomates will have three minutes to answer each question and can answer as many questions in one sitting as desired, as long as all 30 questions are answered between April 15 and May 20, 2019.



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