



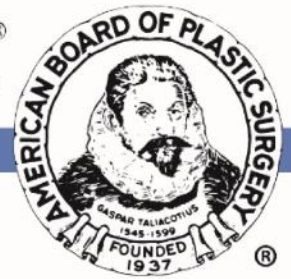
ABPS Regaining Certification Policy

Pathway to Regain Certification after a non-disciplinary loss of certification

- 1) Six-month Grace Period after expiration of certification
 - a. All past due Continuous Certification activities and fees from prior certification cycles must be made current. From the certificate expiration date of Dec. 31st to June 30th of the following year, the Diplomate will have the opportunity to complete any past due self-assessments (only offered in April), fees, Practice Improvement activities and Professional Standing and CME Updates.
 - b. During this 6-month grace period the Diplomate's certification status will be reported as "Expired Certificate" but the diplomate will hold the ABPS status of "Board Eligible." This status is not publicly reported on the consumer search of the website. However, a diplomate may request a verification letter from the Board Office and provide to credentialers.

- 2) Six months to two years after expiration of certification
 - a. Similar to the 6-month grace period, all Continuous Certification activities and fees must be made current.
 - b. The Diplomate will be required to complete an additional ABPS-approved Quality Improvement project and pay a separate processing fee. The QI project must be submitted to the ABPS for approval prior to initiating the project. This additional QI project specifically excludes tracer procedures, publications, and registries. A minimum of 6 months of data must be reported to demonstrate a reasonable difference.
 - c. During the 18-month period from July 1st through Dec. 31st of the two years following expiration of the certificate, the Diplomate's certification status will be reported as "Expired Certificate." The diplomate will hold the ABPS status of "Board Eligible" if:
 - i. Fees are paid
 - ii. Tracers are completed
 - iii. Professional Standing update completed
 - iv. QI Project is approved by the Board

- 3) Two years or more after expiration of certification
 - a. Similar to the 6-month grace period, all Continuous Certification activities and fees must be made current.
 - b. The Diplomate will be required to complete an additional ABPS-approved Quality Improvement project and pay a separate processing fee, in addition to a late fee. The QI project must be submitted to the ABPS for approval prior to initiating the project. This additional QI project specifically excludes tracer procedures, publications, and registries. A minimum of 6 months of data must be reported to demonstrate a reasonable difference.



- c. Additionally, the Diplomate will be required to participate in a Professionalism Course through Professional Boundaries Inc. (PBI) or some other acceptable provider's course approved by the ABPS.
 - d. The Diplomate will be required to complete all incomplete activities from their previous cycle(s), and all of the activities and fees that accrued during the "gap" years since the end of the last cycle.
 - e. The Diplomate's certification status will be reported as "Expired Certification." The Diplomate is not considered "Board Eligible" until:
 - I. Fees are paid
 - II. Tracers completed
 - III. Professional Standing update completed
 - IV. QI project is approved
 - V. Professionalism Course has been completed
 - VI. Late fee is paid
- 4) Four years or more after of expiration of Certification
- a. The Diplomate must comply with all points required by those expired two years or more (see #3 above).
 - b. The Diplomate seeking re-certification will have to proceed through the Re-Entry process.
 - c. The Diplomate's certification status will be reported as "Expired Certification." The Diplomate is not considered "Board Eligible."