# ABMS Lifelong Learning and Self-Assessment (Part II) Requirements

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| American Board of Allergy and Immunology | • Complete 25 AMA PRA Category 1 CME credits™ annually.  
• Complete a communication module once every 10 years.  
• Complete a patient safety module once every 10 years.  
• Complete a Recent Advances Module once every 5 years. | [www.abai.org](http://www.abai.org)  
(215) 592 - 9466 |
| American Board of Anesthesiology | • All credits must be AMA PRA Category 1 CME credits™.  
• No more than 70 CME credits per calendar year (completed between 2006 and 2012) will be credited toward the Part II requirement.  
• No more than 60 CME credits per calendar year (completed in or after 2013) will be credited toward the requirement.  
• Complete a minimum of 20 AMA PRA Category 1 CME credits™ from ABA-approved Patient Safety CME Activities. | [www.theaba.org](http://www.theaba.org)  
(866) 999-7501 |
| American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery | • Complete 90 AMA PRA Category 1 CME Credits™ every three years.  
• Over a three-year cycle, 50 of the 90 AMA PRA Category 1 CME credits must include a self-assessment activity. CARSEP or SESAP are recommended, however, any accredited CME activity that provides AMA PRA Category 1 CME Credits™ and a self-assessment component (with a passing score of greater than 75%) will be accepted for MOC Part II Self-Assessment. | [www.abcrs.org](http://www.abcrs.org)  
(734) 282-9400 |
| American Board of Dermatology | • Attest to having earned a minimum of 25 AMA PRA Category 1 CME Credits™ annually.  
• A Patient Safety module must be completed once per ten-year MOC cycle (preferred in the first 2 years).  
• Complete a minimum of 100 self-assessment questions in each of these 3 periods; years 1-3, years 4-6 and years 7-10. | [www.abderm.org](http://www.abderm.org)  
(617) 910-6400 |
| American Board of Emergency Medicine | • Complete four ABEM Lifelong Learning and Self-Assessment (LL-SA) tests during the first five years and during the second five years of the diplomates’ 10-year certification cycle. | [www.abem.org](http://www.abem.org)  
(517) 332-4800 |

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| American Board of Family Medicine      | • Complete an average of 25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ annually.  
• Complete 150 CME credits of specialty-relevant CME every three years. A minimum of 75 of the 150 CME Credits must be AMA PRA Category 1 CME Credits™.  
• Complete a minimum of one Knowledge Self-Assessment Activity (KSA) every three years. Successful completion of a KSA earns 10 ABFM MOC Points and 8 AMA PRA Category 1 CME Credits™. KSA’s are accessed through the ABFM Physician Portfolio.  
• The Clinical Self-Assessment (CSA) is now optional. Successful completion of a CSA earns ABFM MOC Points and 4 AMA PRA Category 1 CME Credits™. CSA’s are accessed through the ABFM Physician Portfolio. | www.theabfm.org (859) 269-5626 |
| American Board of Internal Medicine    | • To meet MOC requirements, ABIM Board Certified physicians must earn 100 points every five years, 20 of which must be in Medical Knowledge. View options for earning ABIM medical knowledge MOC points.  
• ABIM and the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) are collaborating to support physicians who are engaged in lifelong learning by enabling them to earn MOC points for Continuing Medical Education (CME) that they are already doing. Providers accredited within the ACCME system may register activities for ABIM MOC recognition in the Provider and Activity Reporting System (PARS). ABIM does not recognize activities submitted for inclusion in the ABMS MOC Directory, unless they have also been registered in PARS. Visit ACCME’s website for more information about accessing and registering activities for ABIM MOC recognition. | www.abim.org (800) 441-2246 |
| American Board of Medical Genetics and Genomics | • Complete three online literature review modules at specific intervals within the 10-year MOC cycle.  
• Complete one patient safety activity per 10-year cycle.  
• Complete 250 AMA PRA Category 1 (or equivalent) CME credits throughout the 10-year cycle. At least 50% of the CME Credits must be related to Medical Genetics. | www.abmg.org (301) 634-7315 |
| American Board of Neurological Surgery | • Complete 150 CME credits each mini-cycle (every three years). 60 of the 150 CME credits must be AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ and relevant to Neurosurgery.  
• Complete one Patient Safety course each mini-cycle (every three years).  
• Complete a minimum of one ABNS approved Self-Assessment in Neurosurgery Activity (SANS) every three years. | www.abns.org (203) 397-2267 |
| American Board of Nuclear Medicine     | • Complete a minimum of 25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ CME credits annually, which includes a minimum of 17.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ relevant to Nuclear Medicine.  
• Eight self-assessment credits must be part of the 17.5 CME credits related to Nuclear Medicine. Self-assessment credits are awarded for both self-assessment modules (SAM’s) and Self-Assessment CME Activities. | www.abnm.org (314) 367-2225 |
| American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology | • Complete 30 practice-relevant journal articles and complete 4 post-assessment questions per journal article. Complete a minimum of 120 post-assessment questions annually. ABOG delivers the journal-based assignments during the first week of January, April and July annually.  
• Achieve an 80% completion rate on the 120 post-assessment questions (minimum) and submit by due date.  
• Upon successful completion of the ABOG reading assignments and post-assessment questions diplomats will earn 25 AMA PRA Category I CME credits from ACOG.  
• In MOC Year 3, Part II is handled differently, refer to ABOG MOC handbook. | www.abog.org  
(214) 871-1619 |
| American Board of Ophthalmology | • Complete an average of 25 AMA PRA Category I CME Credits™ annually.  
• 80% the total 250 AMA PRA Category I CME Credits™ (10-year cycle) must be relevant to Ophthalmology.  
• Track 2 diplomates are asked to acquire an average of 25 Category I CME credits per year, including 8 Self-Assessment (SA) Credits.  
• As of 2017, PORT modules are optional self-assessment activities for all diplomates (not required for the completion of MOC). | www.abop.org  
(610) 664-1175 |
| American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery | • Complete 240 AMA PRA Category I CME Credits™ relevant to Orthopaedic Surgery every 10 years.  
• 40 of the 240 AMA PRA Category I CME Credits™ must be self-assessment examinations (SAE) or Self-Assessment Activities (SA). SAE are activities produced by organizations other than the ABOS, then approved for MOC credit by ABOS. SAE credit may be earned through:  
  ▪ Scored and recorded examinations  
  ▪ Portfolio Program  
  ▪ PIMs  
  ▪ Registries  
  ▪ Physician Scorecards | www.abos.org  
(919) 929-7103 |
| American Board of Otolaryngology | • Complete a minimum of 25 AMA PRA Category I Credits™ annually.  
• Complete one ABOto self-assessment module in a practice relevant area annually, and achieve a passing rate of 80% or higher. | www.aboto.org  
(713) 850-0399 |
| American Board of Pathology | • Complete 70 AMA PRA Category I CME Credits™ per two-year cycle.  
• 20 of the 70 AMA PRA Category I CME Credits™ must be achieved through Self-assessment Modules (SAMS).  
• 80% of the AMA PRA Category I CME Credit™ requirement must be relevant to diplomates' practice.  
• An ACGME accredited or institutional accredited fellowship fulfills MOC Part II requirements for a 2-year period. | www.abpath.org  
(813) 286-2444 |
| American Board of Pediatrics | • Physicians are responsible for completing their requirements as stated in their online physician portfolio. Diplomates who have transitioned into the continuous, five-year, | www.abp.org  
(919) 929-0461 |
points-based program are required to earn a specific number of self-assessment points during their cycle.

- As part of the ABP's continuing commitment to support physicians' ongoing professional development and improving physicians' performance and care of patients, the ABP is pleased to announce collaboration with the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME). This collaboration is designed to expand the number and diversity of accredited CME activities which meet the ABP's MOC requirements for lifelong learning and self-assessment. CME providers accredited within the ACCME system may register activities for ABP MOC recognition in the Provider and Activity Reporting System (PARS).
- ABP diplomates may locate activities with ABP MOC Part 2 credit by logging into their ABP Portfolio. To access the ABP Portfolio, please visit [www.abp.org](http://www.abp.org).

### American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

- Complete **300** AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ every 10 years (MOC cycle).
  - Complete **150** AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ in years 1-5 and in years 6-10 of the MOC cycle.
- Complete **4** ABPMR-approved self-assessments during the 10-year MOC cycle.
  - Complete **40** AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ through ABPMR-approved self-assessment in years 1-5 and in years 6-10 of the MOC cycle.

### American Board of Plastic Surgery

- Complete **150** AMA PRA Category 1 CME Credits™ submitted in years 3, 6, and 9 of the 10-year cycle:
  - **60** Category 1 Credits (general).
  - **50** Plastic Surgery CME Credits may be Category I or II.
  - **20** Patient Safety CME Credits may be Category I or II.
  - The remaining undefined credits may be Category I or II.

### American Board of Preventive Medicine

- Complete **250** AMA PRA Category 1 CME Credits™, including at least **100** ABPM-approved LL-SA credits, during each 10-year certification cycle.

### American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology

- Complete an average of **30** specialty or subspecialty AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ annually (averaged over three years).
- Diplomates are required to participate in an ABPN-approved broad-based self-assessment activity annually. A minimum of **8** AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ (annually), should involve self-assessment.

### American Board of Radiology

- Complete **75** AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ every three years.
  - **25** of the **75** AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ must be Self-Assessment (SA) Credits.

### American Board of Surgery

- Complete **90** CME credits relevant to the diplomate's practice every three years. CME must be accredited by the AMA, ACCME, RCPSC or EACCME. CME courses completed for state licensing requirements are acceptable.
  - At least **60** of the **90** CME credits must include a self-assessment activity (a written or electronic question-and-answer exercise that assesses understanding of the CME material). The activity must require a passing score of **75%** or higher for it to count for self-assessment. There...
is no minimum number of questions required and repeated attempts are allowed.
• The ABS will waive 60 CME credits with self-assessment toward Part II for diplomates who
  pass a certifying or MOC (recertification) exam given by the ABS or another ABMS Member
  Board.

| American Board of Thoracic Surgery | Complete 150 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ over each 5 year period (an average of 30
|                                   |  AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ annually). A minimum of 75 of the 150 AMA PRA Category
|                                   | 1 Credits™ need to be relevant to Thoracic Surgery.
|                                   | Complete the SESATS exercise during the fifth year of the MOC Cycle. |

| American Board of Urology         | Complete 90 CME credits relevant to urology. 30 of the 90 CME Credits are required to be
|                                   |  AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™.
|                                   | Evidence of Self-Assessment is demonstrated by the online completion of a Practice
|                                   |  Assessment Protocol (PAP) four times throughout the 10-year MOC cycle. |

American Board of Thoracic Surgery  | www.abts.org
American Board of Urology           | www.abu.org