

## **AOBS Osteopathic Continuous Certification (OCC) Entry Pathway**

### **OCC Components**

The AOBS OCC process will be composed of five (5) documentation components (see full description in the “Protocol for Osteopathic Continuous Certification”):

- #1: Continuous (uninterrupted) AOA Membership
- #2: Unrestricted state/jurisdictional military licensure
- #3: Lifelong learning (continuing medical education)
- #4: Cognitive assessment (written recertification examination)
- #5: Practice performance (clinical and surgical assessment, self-evaluation, and demonstration of surgical practice improvement)

**NOTE: Groups 1 through 4 will have already recertified prior to the implementation of OCC. Starting with Group 5, recertification will be part of OCC.**

### **Group 1: 2000**

- Issued **initial primary certification** in **2000** (May or September) and expiring in **2010**
- Successfully passed a written recertification examination with certificate valid until **2020** (May or September)
  - May expiration eligibility: Fall 2007, Spring 2008, Fall 2008, Spring 2009, Fall 2009
  - September expiration eligibility: Spring 2008, Fall 2008, Spring 2009, Fall 2009, Spring 2010
- Enrolls in the AOBS OCC process (beginning January 1, 2013)
- Successfully complete **4 OCC Components** (#1, #2, #3, and #5), which must to be concluded by December 31, 2019, allowing for an initial six (6) year OCC process
- Successfully pass the written recertification examination (component #4) prior to **December 31, 2019**
- Diplomate and AOA will be notified of compliance with the initial OCC requirements, and the diplomate is re-issued certification which is valid through **May or September, 2030.**

### **Group 2: 2001**

- Issued **initial primary certification** in **2001** (May or October) and expiring in **2011**
- Successfully passed a written recertification examination with certificate valid until **2021** (May or October)
  - May expiration eligibility: Fall 2008, Spring 2009, Fall 2009, Spring 2010, Fall 2010
  - October expiration eligibility: Spring 2009, Fall 2009, Spring 2010, Fall 2010, Spring 2011

- Enrolls in the AOBS OCC process (beginning January 1, 2013)
- Successfully complete **4 OCC Components** (#1, #2, #3, and #5), which must to be concluded by December 31, 2020, allowing for an initial seven (7) year OCC process
- Successfully pass the written recertification examination (component #4) prior to **December 31, 2020**
- Diplomate and AOA will be notified of compliance with the initial OCC requirements, and the diplomate is re-issued certification which is valid through **May or October, 2031**.

### Group 3: 2002

- Issued **initial primary certification** in **2002** (May or September) and expiring in **2012**
- Successfully passed a written recertification examination with certificate valid until **2022** (May or September)
  - May expiration eligibility: Fall 2009, Spring 2010, Fall 2010, Spring 2011, Fall 2011
  - September expiration eligibility: Spring 2009, Fall 2010, Spring 2010, Fall 2011, Spring 2011
- Enrolls in the AOBS OCC process (beginning January 1, 2013)
- Successfully complete **4 OCC Components** (#1, #2, #3, and #5), which must to be concluded by December 31, 2021, allowing for an initial eight (8) year OCC process
- Successfully pass the written recertification examination (component #4) prior to **December 31, 2021**
- Diplomate and AOA will be notified of compliance with the initial OCC requirements, and the diplomate is re-issued certification which is valid through **May or September, 2032**

### Group 4: 2003

- Issued **initial primary certification** in **2003** (May or September) and expiring in **2013**
- Successfully passed a written recertification examination with certificate valid until **2023** (May or September)
  - May expiration eligibility: Fall 2010, Spring 2011, Fall 2011, Spring 2012, Fall 2012
  - September expiration eligibility: Spring 2010, Fall 2011, Spring 2011, Fall 2012, Spring 2012
- Enrolls in the AOBS OCC process (beginning January 1, 2013)
- Successfully complete all **5 OCC Components** as outlined as a nine (9) year period, by December 31, 2022
- Diplomate and AOA will be notified of compliance with the OCC requirements, and the diplomate is re-issued certification which is valid through **May or September, 2033**

#### **Group 5: 2004**

- Issued **initial primary certification** in **2004** (April or September) and expiring in **2014**
- Enrolls in the AOBS OCC process (beginning January 1, 2013)
- Successfully pass the written recertification examination (component #4) prior to **December 31, 2013**
  - April expiration eligibility: Fall 2011, Spring 2012, Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2013
  - September expiration eligibility: Spring 2011, Fall 2012, Spring 2012, Fall 2013, Spring 2013
- Successfully complete **3 OCC Components** (#1, #2, #3), which must to be concluded by December 31, 2013, allowing for an initial one (1) year OCC process
- Diplomate and AOA will be notified of compliance with the initial OCC requirements, and the diplomate is re-issued certification which is valid through **April or September, 2024**

#### **Group 6: 2005**

- Issued **initial primary certification** in **2005** (May or October) and expiring in **2015**
- Enrolls in the AOBS OCC process (beginning January 1, 2013)
- Successfully pass the written recertification examination (component #4) prior to **December 31, 2014**
  - May expiration eligibility: Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014
  - September expiration eligibility: Spring 2013, Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Spring 2015
- Successfully complete **3 OCC Components** (#1, #2, #3), which must to be concluded by December 31, 2015, allowing for an initial two (2) year OCC process
- Diplomate and AOA will be notified of compliance with the initial OCC requirements, and the diplomate is re-issued certification which is valid through **May or October, 2025**

#### **Group 7: 2006**

- Issued **initial primary certification** in **2006** (April or September) and expiring in **2016**
- Enrolls in the AOBS OCC process (beginning January 1, 2013)
- Successfully pass the written recertification examination (component #4) prior to **December 31, 2015**
  - April expiration eligibility: Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2015
  - September expiration eligibility: Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016
- Successfully complete **3 OCC Components** (#1, #2, #3), which must to be concluded by December 31, 2015, allowing for an initial three (3) year OCC process

- Diplomate and AOA will be notified of compliance with the initial OCC requirements, and the diplomate is re-issued certification which is valid through **April or September, 2026**

#### **Group 8: 2007**

- Issued **initial primary certification** in **2007** (April or September) and expiring in **2017**
- Enrolls in the AOBS OCC process (beginning January 1, 2013)
- Successfully pass the written recertification examination (component #4) prior to **December 31, 2016**
  - April expiration eligibility: Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016
  - September expiration eligibility: Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017
- Successfully complete **3 OCC Components** (#1, #2, #3), which must to be concluded by December 31, 2016, allowing for an initial four (4) year OCC process
- Diplomate and AOA will be notified of compliance with the initial OCC requirements, and the diplomate is re-issued certification which is valid through **April or September, 2027**

#### **Group 9: 2008**

- Issued **initial primary certification** in **2008** (April, May or September) and expiring in **2018**
- Enrolls in the AOBS OCC process (beginning January 1, 2013)
- Successfully pass the written recertification examination (component #4) prior to **December 31, 2017**
  - April or May expiration eligibility: Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017
  - September expiration eligibility: Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018
- Successfully complete **4 OCC Components** (#1, #2, #3 and #5), which must to be concluded by December 31, 2017, allowing for an initial five (5) year OCC process (NOTE: This group is most likely composed of diplomates who did not have to take a clinical as part of their primary certification)
- Diplomate and AOA will be notified of compliance with the initial OCC requirements, and the diplomate is re-issued certification which is valid through **April, May or September, 2028**

#### **Group 10: 2009**

- Issued **initial primary certification** in **2009** (May or October) and expiring in **2019**
- Enrolls in the AOBS OCC process (beginning January 1, 2013)
- Successfully pass the written recertification examination (component #4) prior to **December 31, 2018**

- May expiration eligibility: Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018
- September expiration eligibility: Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019
- Successfully complete **4 OCC Components** (#1, #2, #3 and #5), which must to be concluded by December 31, 2018, allowing for an initial six (6) year OCC process
- Diplomate and AOA will be notified of compliance with the initial OCC requirements, and the diplomate is re-issued certification which is valid through **May or October, 2029**

**Group 11: 2010**

- Issued **initial primary certification** in **2010** (May or October) and expiring in **2020**
- Enrolls in the AOBS OCC process (beginning January 1, 2013)
- Successfully pass the written recertification examination (component #4) prior to **December 31, 2019**
  - May expiration eligibility: Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019
  - September expiration eligibility: Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020
- Successfully complete **4 OCC Components** (#1, #2, #3 and #5), which must to be concluded by December 31, 2019, allowing for an initial seven (7) year OCC process
- Diplomate and AOA will be notified of compliance with the initial OCC requirements, and the diplomate is re-issued certification which is valid through **May or October, 2030**

**Group 12: 2011**

- Issued **initial primary certification** in **2011** (Spring or Fall) and expiring in **2021**
- Enrolls in the AOBS OCC process (beginning January 1, 2013)
- Successfully pass the written recertification examination (component #4) prior to **December 31, 2020**
  - May expiration eligibility: Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020
  - September expiration eligibility: Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021
- Successfully complete **4 OCC Components** (#1, #2, #3 and #5), which must to be concluded by December 31, 2020, allowing for an initial eight (8) year OCC process
- Diplomate and AOA will be notified of compliance with the initial OCC requirements, and the diplomate is re-issued certification which is valid through **Spring or Fall, 2031**

**Group 13: 2012**

- Issued **initial primary certification** in **2012** (Spring or Fall) and expiring in **2022**
- Enrolls in the AOBS OCC process (beginning January 1, 2013)

- Successfully complete all **5 OCC Components** as outlined as a nine (6) year period, by December 31, 2021
  - May expiration eligibility: Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021
  - September expiration eligibility: Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022
- Diplomate and AOA will be notified of compliance with the OCC requirements, and the diplomate is re-issued certification which is valid through **Spring or Fall, 2032**