



MOCA 2.0[®] FAQs

1. What is MOCA 2.0[®]?

MOCA 2.0 is a web-based learning platform that promotes personalized, continuous learning and facilitates demonstration of proficiencies. It launched in 2016 for diplomates certified in anesthesiology and expanded in 2017 to include diplomates with current subspecialty certificates. MOCA Minute[®], the longitudinal assessment being piloted to replace the MOCA Exam, is the core of the redesigned program.

2. Why did the ABA change the MOC program?

We redesigned MOCA because we believe continuous learning and demonstration of proficiencies will help diplomates provide better patient care. The ABA Board of Directors, 12 practicing physician anesthesiologists and a public member, wanted to incorporate identification and elimination of knowledge gaps, an emphasis on patient safety, and longitudinal assessment into a new MOC program. We believe MOCA 2.0 is evolving into a more personalized, relevant and efficient lifelong learning program. It will continue to evolve based on diplomate feedback and changes in medical practice. We welcome diplomate input and partnership to continuously improve the program. You may provide feedback at <http://moca.theaba.org/fg.pl>.

3. What are the requirements for MOCA 2.0?

There is only be one set of MOCA 2.0 requirements and one MOCA 2.0 progress report in your portal account, no matter how many certificates you are maintaining. For example, if you are maintaining a primary certificate in anesthesiology and one or two subspecialty certificates, you will only complete one set of MOCA 2.0 requirements defined below. In 2017, there will be no alignment of cycles, but rather you will focus on one set of requirements.

- **Part 1: Professionalism and Professional Standing**

All diplomates must hold an active, unrestricted license to practice medicine in at least one jurisdiction of the United States (U.S.) or Canada. Furthermore, all U.S. and Canadian medical licenses held must be unrestricted. To fulfill this requirement, you should annually update your medical license information via their portal account.

- **Part 2: Lifelong Learning and Self-Assessment**

You will complete 250 Category 1 CME credits, including 20 credits of Patient Safety CME, and report them in your portal account.

- **Part 3: Assessment of Knowledge, Judgment, and Skills**

MOCA Minute, an interactive learning and assessment tool, is being piloted to replace the MOCA exam. MOCA Minute consists of multiple-choice questions like those typically presented on the MOCA exam.

You will answer 30 questions per calendar quarter for a total of 120 per year. You may answer all 30 questions at once or space them out over time, but you cannot answer more than 30 questions per calendar quarter (e.g., Jan. 1 – March 31), and no more than 30 questions per day.

There are no study materials for MOCA Minute. Much like the MOCA exam, the MOCA Minute question topics are considered “walking around knowledge.” Whether you answer questions correctly or not, you will get immediate feedback that includes links to educational resources that will help you

learn material you need to know. Similar questions on the same topic areas will be repeated over time, giving diplomates an opportunity to demonstrate they have learned material they did not previously know and are retaining information they did know.

- **Diplomates certified in anesthesiology, pain medicine, critical care medicine and pediatric anesthesiology** will answer MOCA Minute questions to complete the Part 3 requirement.
- **Diplomates certified in hospice and palliative medicine and sleep medicine** will continue to take subspecialty recertification exams to fulfill the Part 3 requirement, but can voluntarily participate in MOCA Minute. They must register for MOCA 2.0, but are not required to participate in MOCA Minute unless they are also maintaining anesthesiology, critical care medicine, pain medicine or pediatric anesthesiology certification.

- **[Part 4: Improvement in Medical Practice](#)**

We expanded the list of Part 4 options in MOCA 2.0 based, in part, on diplomate feedback to provide you with activities that are most relevant to your practice. You must earn a minimum of 50 Part 4 points during your 10-year cycle (25 points during Years 1-5 and 25 points during Years 6-10). Points are awarded for activities based on the time and effort associated with their completion. [Click here to see the list of Part 4 activity options.](#)

Simulation is now an **optional** Part 4 activity; however, we consider it a valuable educational option and continue to encourage participation. If you previously completed a simulation course as part of your current MOCA cycle, you'll get five years' worth of Part 4 credit (25 points) in MOCA 2.0.

An Attestation is due in Year 9, but will not provide points. You will complete the attestation as part of your MOCA 2.0 registration in Year 9. *Diplomates who are maintaining multiple certificates may need to complete attestations of their clinical activity in each subspecialty area.*

- **Fee**

The annual fee is \$210 for the first certification maintained and \$100 for each additional certification maintained. For example, if you are only maintaining one certificate, you will pay \$210 per year. If you are maintaining two certifications (e.g., anesthesiology and pain medicine), you will pay \$210 for your anesthesiology certificate and \$100 for your pain medicine certificate, for a total of \$310 per year. The annual fee, which replaced the once every 10-year fee, covers the MOCA administrative, technology and infrastructure costs, including the item writing and maintaining the systems that track diplomates' progress through the program.

4. **How will my certificates be aligned so that I can complete my MOCA 2.0 requirements?**

In 2017, there will be no alignment of cycles. You will have a "principal" certificate, the one that expires soonest, and will focus on one set of requirements that will be displayed in one progress report. The annual fee is \$210 for the first certification maintained and \$100 for each additional certification maintained.

Your additional certificates will:

- Contribute to the types of MOCA Minute questions you receive
- Require an attestation for each of the subspecialty certificates you maintain (you may be exempt if we have an attestation on file from the previous three years that verifies your clinical activity in your subspecialty).

For hospice and palliative medicine and sleep medicine certifications, you will need to take the recertification exam to fulfill the Part 3 requirement. MOCA Minute participation is optional for these certifications, but is required if you are maintaining any others (anesthesiology, critical care medicine, pain medicine and pediatric anesthesiology).

5. Who should register for MOCA 2.0?

- All diplomates who have current certificates in anesthesiology and/or in subspecialties (non-time limited and time-limited certificate holders) can register for MOCA 2.0. Diplomates with anesthesiology certificates that expired in 2016 and who are in the grace period should register for MOCA 2.0.
- **Non-time limited certificate holders** who are not participating in MOCA are welcome to register.
- Diplomates whose time-limited certificates in **anesthesiology expired from Dec. 31, 2013 to Dec. 31, 2015**, and diplomates whose **subspecialty certificates expired on or before Dec. 31, 2016**, must first complete their current MOCA or subspecialty recertification requirements before they can register for MOCA 2.0.

6. How and when will I register for MOCA 2.0?

You will register in your portal account at the beginning of each year you participate in MOCA 2.0. You must register to gain access to MOCA Minute questions. Click here to [view step-by-step registration instructions](#).

7. Will MOCA 2.0 run on a 10-year cycle like the current MOCA program?

The Board has not made any decisions about changing the cycle length. Diplomates' current MOCA certificate will not expire until the date printed on them.

8. How soon will I get MOCA Minute questions and where will I access them?

As soon as you complete the MOCA 2.0 registration, you can access MOCA Minute questions via the portal, your MOCA progress report (in the Part 3 section) or via the mobile app, which you can download from the Apple store or Google Play. We will also send weekly emails with a link to access questions.

9. How will you know which questions to send me?

The questions are based on the certificates you are maintaining.

If you are only maintaining your anesthesiology certification, you will answer general anesthesia questions that represent the base of knowledge every anesthesiologist should know. Additionally, questions will be based on the areas of practice you selected in your Practice Profile during the registration process and on areas of new knowledge we believe diplomates need to learn quickly. You can update your practice profile at any time by clicking on "Modify Practice Profile" in the Part 3 section of your MOCA 2.0 Progress Report.

If you are only maintaining your subspecialty certification in critical care medicine, pain medicine or pediatric anesthesiology, you will receive half of your questions in the subspecialty area and half based on the areas of practice you selected in your Practice Profile. You can update your practice profile at any time by clicking on "Modify Practice Profile" in the Part 3 section of your MOCA 2.0 Progress Report.

If you are maintaining multiple certifications in anesthesiology, critical care medicine, pain medicine or pediatric anesthesiology, you will receive questions related to each certification area.

If you are maintaining subspecialty certification in hospice and palliative medicine or sleep medicine, you can voluntarily participate in MOCA Minute, but will not receive MOCA Minute questions in those areas. You are required to take a subspecialty recertification exam to fulfill your MOCA Part 3 requirement.

10. What is the standard for "passing" the MOCA Minute?

We are using Measurement Decision Theory (MDT) to estimate the likelihood or probability that diplomates are keeping their specialty- and subspecialty-specific knowledge up-to-date based on their pattern of responses to MOCA Minute questions. Diplomates who answer 120 questions per calendar year and maintain an MDT p-value of 0.10 or greater are meeting the standard for MOCA Part 3. You can view your MDT p-value on your MOCA Progress Report. Click [here](#) to learn more.

We will not revoke your certificate based on your MOCA Minute performance; however, your certificate will not be renewed when it expires if you are not fulfilling the MOCA 2.0 requirements. If your MOCA Minute performance causes concern, the Board will work with you to develop a remediation plan to help you maintain your certificate.

11. If I didn't answer my MOCA Minute questions in 2016 and my status is changed to "Not Participating in MOCA," how can I get my status back to "Participating in MOCA"?

After you complete 120 MOCA Minute questions in 2017, we will update your status to "Participating in MOCA" in 2018.

12. Will my unanswered MOCA Minute questions for 2016 be counted as wrong and reduce my MDT p-value?

Yes, your MDT p-value will be adjusted to reflect the number of unanswered questions for 2016. Your beginning 2017 MDT p-value will be based on the number of questions you answered in 2016 and the adjustment for unanswered questions.

13. If I do not complete any Part 4 activities in Years 1-5 of my cycle, can I accrue all 50 points in Years 6-10?

Yes; however, until you fulfill 25 points of activity in Years 6-10, you will be listed on our website as "Not participating in MOCA". Also, you cannot accrue more than 25 points in one year. If you complete 25 points in Year 6, you cannot get credit for any additional activities until Year 7.

14. Can I complete two simulation courses (one in each of the five-year periods)?

Yes. You may do the same activity/activities in both five-year periods as long as the activities you complete result in you earning the required points. [Click here to see the list of approved Part 4 activities.](#)

15. I was certified in anesthesiology before 2000. What happens to my anesthesiology certification if I don't participate in MOCA 2.0 and don't answer MOCA Minute questions?

Your anesthesiology certification will not be impacted if you choose not to participate. Please email us at MOCA@theABA.org if you have a non-time limited certificate and no longer wish to participate in MOCA.

For customized counseling on your MOCA 2.0 requirements,
call the Communications Center at (866) 999-7501.