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INSTRUCTIONS FOR REQUESTING STATUS CHANGE TO RETIRED

Definition for Retired ABA Diplomate: A retired ABA diplomate no longer has a professional responsibility to the specialty of anesthesiology. A retired ABA diplomate no longer is actively performing, teaching or supervising the practice of anesthesiology.

1. ABA diplomates must complete the attestation form below to request that their status be changed to retired.
2. To retire in good standing, the ABA diplomate must: (1) hold a valid certificate or be in the MOCA process, and (2) have no unresolved adverse actions pending or imposed against any of their medical licenses at the time of retirement.
3. ABA diplomates holding a time-limited certificate that is valid at the time of retirement will have their designation changed to “Retired-Certified” until the certificate’s expiration date. This designation will appear in the physician’s ABA record as well as in the ABA’s Online Directory.
4. The retired status designation will NOT be the same for physicians retiring with adverse actions imposed against their medical license(s). For diplomates who retire dishonorably, they will have no designation.
5. Physicians holding time-limited certificates that are designated as “Retired-Certified” will NOT be required to fulfill any MOCA program requirements.
6. There is no minimum period of time the physician must be in active retirement for the ABA to designate the “Retired-Certified” status. The effective date will be when the ABA acknowledges the diplomate’s request for the change in status.



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ATTESTATION FORM REQUESTING RETIRED STATUS

Physician's Name: _____

Physician's DOB: _____

ABA ID Number: _____

MINIMUM CLINICAL ACTIVITY REQUIREMENT

The ABA minimum clinical activity requirement is the practice of anesthesiology or a recognized anesthesiology subspecialty, on average, at least one day per week during one of the previous three years.

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Diplomates whose status is designated as retired have no responsibility to the ABA.

The ABA will formally designate your status in its records and in its Online Directory as "Retired." The ABA will also report the designation of your "Retired" status to the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) and the American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA).

Before the ABA can designate your status as "RETIRED," you must attest to the following and provide the information requested below:

1. Indicate the date you discontinued or plan to discontinue the practice of anesthesiology or a recognized anesthesiology subspecialty for the purpose of retirement: _____/_____/_____
Month Day Year
2. I am retiring and do not plan to perform, teach or supervise the practice of anesthesiology or a recognized anesthesiology subspecialty at any time in the future: Yes No
3. Do you have a restriction, condition, limitation, suspension or revocation currently imposed on any of your license(s) to practice medicine? Yes No

***Note:** Includes voluntary surrender of a medical license

If "YES," you are required to submit with this form your statement providing the details of any disciplinary action(s), including the date thereof, the subject matter and any sanctions.

NOTE: It is **your responsibility** to notify the ABA if you choose to resume the practice of anesthesiology or a recognized anesthesiology subspecialty and to request that the "retired" designation be removed from your ABA record. Before the ABA will remove the "Retired" designation, it will require evidence that you have resumed clinical practice and that you meet the Board's minimum clinical activity requirement. You will be required to submit an Application to Re-Attain Certification, along with an application fee of \$1,000.00, and the ABA Credentials Committee will be asked to determine when the "Retired" designation can be removed from your record. At that time (if you reapply and your certificate remains valid), you will be required to resume your MOCA Program cycle. MOCA Program requirements include the following: (1) ongoing Lifelong Learning and Self-Assessment, (2) continual assessment of Professional Standing, (3) Practice Performance Assessment and Improvement, and (4) assessment of Cognitive Expertise (examination). If your certification is not time-limited, you will be required to complete an expedited MOCA program, including passing the cognitive examination, before the ABA will re-activate the certificate.

Physician's Signature

Date