

**The American Board of Anesthesiology (ABA)  
Maintenance of Certification in Anesthesiology (MOCA) Program  
Certification End Year 2012**

REQUIREMENTS	ACTION ITEMS	TIMING
<b>Part I – Professional Standing (PS)</b>		
Hold an active, unrestricted medical license in the United States (US) or Canada. <b>All US and Canadian medical licenses must be unrestricted.</b>	Review and update your medical license information via your portal account through the ABA website at <a href="http://www.theABA.org">www.theABA.org</a> .	Continuous
<b>Part II – Lifelong Learning and Self-Assessment (LLSA)</b>		
Continually seek to improve the quality of your clinical practice and patient care through self-directed professional development. This should be done through self-assessment and learning opportunities related to your practice.  Your LLSA requirement for maintenance of certification is <b>280</b> credits of continuing medical education (CME) activities. Of the <b>280</b> credit total: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least <b>200</b> credits must be Category 1 credits (ACCME/AMA PRA-approved).</li> <li>• At most <b>80</b> credits may be from non-Category 1 activities.</li> <li>• Beginning with 2006, no more than 70 credits per calendar year will be credited toward LLSA requirement.</li> </ul>	Submit your LLSA (CME) activities to the ABA via your portal account for any activities completed since the day <b>after</b> you were certified. Instructions can be found at:  <a href="http://www.theaba.org/pdf/How_to_Submit_CME_for_MOCA.PDF">http://www.theaba.org/pdf/How_to_Submit_CME_for_MOCA.PDF</a>	Continuous
<b>Part III – Cognitive Examination (CE)</b>		
Demonstrate your cognitive expertise by passing an ABA examination administered via computer under secure, proctored, standardized testing conditions.  The examination is comprised of 200 questions, of which 150 questions are in General Anesthesia, and 50 questions are divided among: Pediatric Anesthesia, Cardiothoracic Anesthesia, Neuroanesthesia, Critical Care Medicine, Obstetrical/Gynecologic Anesthesia, and Pain Medicine.	In years 7 to 10, pass the examination. Examination prerequisites are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Satisfactory Professional Standing (PS).</li> <li>• One satisfactory Practice Performance Assessment and Improvement (PPAI) Attestation.</li> <li>• At least <b>160</b> LLSA credits granted toward the total of 280.</li> </ul>	2009-2012 two exams offered per year
<b>Part IV – Practice Performance Assessment and Improvement (PPAI)</b>		
The PPAI process consists of the ABA obtaining attestations and evidence of your clinical activity and ongoing program of practice assessment and performance improvement.  The ABA minimum clinical activity requirement is the practice of anesthesiology or a recognized subspecialty, on average, at least one day per week during one of the previous three years.	In years 5 and 9, you attest to your participation in PPAI activities and the ABA obtains evidence to support your attestations by soliciting references.  The ABA will contact you with instructions on how to report your clinical activity information.	2007 & 2011