

**The American Board of Anesthesiology (ABA)  
Maintenance of Certification in Anesthesiology (MOCA) Program  
Certification End Year 2016**

| REQUIREMENTS  | ACTION ITEMS  | TIMING                                  |
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| <b>Part I – Professional Standing (PS)</b>  |   |   |
| Hold an active, unrestricted medical license in the United States (US) or Canada.<br><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.<br><br>Your LLSA requirement for maintenance of certification is <b>350</b> credits of continuing medical education (CME) activities. Of the <b>350</b> credit total: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least <b>250</b> credits must be Category 1 credits (ACCME/AMA PRA-approved).</li> <li>• At most <b>100</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:<br><br><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.<br><br>The examination is comprised of 200 questions, of which 150 of the 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.<br>Examination prerequisites: <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>200</b> LLSA credits granted toward the total of 350.</li> </ul> | 2013-2016<br>two exams offered per year |
| <b>Part IV – Practice Performance Assessment and Improvement (PPAI)</b>   |   |   |
| <u>Attestation:</u> The ABA obtains attestations and evidence of your clinical activity and ongoing program of practice assessment and performance improvement.<br><br><u>Case Evaluation:</u> A four-step process where you assess your practice and implement changes that improve patient outcomes.<br><br><u>Simulation:</u> A hands-on opportunity to learn and perform valuable crisis management techniques in a simulation setting at an ASA-endorsed center.   | In year 5, you attest to your participation in PPAI activities and the ABA obtains evidence to support your attestations by soliciting references.<br><br>In years 6 to 10, complete <b>either</b> a Case Evaluation or Simulation Course.  | 2011 &<br>2012-2016                     |