### Permanent Eligibility Criteria:
**Diplomates Who Have Completed an ACGME-accredited CTA Fellowship**
- Have completed an ACGME-accredited CTA fellowship
- Hold current NBE Advanced PTE Certification
  - OR
  - Have completed fellowship in last 24 months and hold testamur status for the NBE Advanced PTE Exam.

**Please Note:** Fellows graduating from a fellowship program in the current year who take the ADVANCED PTE Exam and achieve testamur status will be eligible for ACA certification.

- If you meet the criteria listed above, you are eligible for ACA certification.

### Temporary Pathway 1:
**Diplomates Who Have Completed a Non-ACGME-accredited Adult Cardiac Fellowship**
- Have completed at least 12 months in a non-ACGME-accredited CTA fellowship
- Hold current NBE PTE Certification
  - OR
  - Hold current NBE Testamur Status for successful completion of the Advanced PTE

- If you meet the criteria listed above, you are eligible for ACA certification.

### Temporary Pathway 2:
**Diplomates Who Have < 12 months Adult Cardiac Fellowship Training**
- Have completed 0–11 months of adult cardiac fellowship training
- Hold current NBE PTE Certification
  - OR
  - Hold current NBE Testamur Status for successful completion of the Advanced PTE

- If NBE Testamur Status Only, THEN EITHER
  - **OPTION 1:** Have provided as an attending physician, anesthesia for a minimum of 50 patients undergoing cardiac procedures per year for two of the past three years
  - **OPTION 2:** Have spent the following amount of clinical time dedicated to the anesthetic management of patients undergoing cardiac procedures:
    - At least 7 hours per week for the past 6 years
    - At least 10 hours per week for the past 4 years
    - At least 13 hours per week for the past 3 years
    - At least 20 hours per week for the past 2 years

- For either option 1 or option 2 above, a minimum of 20 cases per year must have required cardiopulmonary bypass or other mechanical circulatory support

### Temporary Pathway 3:
**Diplomates Who Have Successful Completion of the Advanced PTE Only, Then Either**
- **OPTION 1:** Have provided as an attending physician, anesthesia for a minimum of 50 patients undergoing cardiac procedures per year for two of the past three years
  - OR
  - **OPTION 2:** Have spent the following amount of clinical time dedicated to the anesthetic management of patients undergoing cardiac procedures:
    - At least 7 hours per week for the past 6 years
    - At least 10 hours per week for the past 4 years
    - At least 13 hours per week for the past 3 years
    - At least 20 hours per week for the past 2 years

- For either option 1 or option 2 above, a minimum of 20 cases per year must have required cardiopulmonary bypass or other mechanical circulatory support

### AND EITHER
- **OPTION 1:** Have provided as an attending physician, anesthesia for a minimum of 50 patients undergoing cardiac procedures per year for two of the past three years
  - OR
  - **OPTION 2:** Have spent the following amount of clinical time dedicated to the anesthetic management of patients undergoing cardiac procedures:
    - At least 7 hours per week for the past 6 years
    - At least 10 hours per week for the past 4 years
    - At least 13 hours per week for the past 3 years
    - At least 20 hours per week for the past 2 years

- For either option 1 or option 2 above, a minimum of 20 cases per year must have required cardiopulmonary bypass or other mechanical circulatory support

### NOTE:
Temporary pathways for ACA certification will be available for 6 years, from 2023 – 2028.

ABA diplomates not meeting the above criteria can request the ABA’s Credentialing and Continuing Certification Committee to review their situation and determine whether they might still be eligible to take the certification exam in adult cardiac anesthesiology. All requests for special consideration should include as much documentation as possible along with an explanation why the applicant believes the published criteria should be waived.