

Permanent Eligibility Criteria: Diplomates Who Have Completed an ACGME-accredited CTA Fellowship	Temporary Pathway 1: Diplomates Who Have Completed a Non-ACGME-accredited Adult Cardiac Fellowship	Temporary Pathway 2: Diplomates Who Have < 12 months Adult Cardiac Fellowship Training
Have completed an ACGME-accredited CTA fellowship	Have completed at least 12 months in a non-ACGME-accredited CTA fellowship	Have completed 0–11 months of adult cardiac fellowship training
Hold current NBE Advanced PTE Certification OR Have completed fellowship in last 24 months and hold testamur status for the NBE Advanced PTE Exam. <i>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.</i>	Hold current NBE PTE Certification	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.	If you meet the criteria listed above, you are eligible for ACA certification.	
IF NBE TESTAMUR STATUS FOR 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	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 OR OPTION 2: Have spent the following amount of clinical time dedicated to the anesthetic management of patients undergoing cardiac procedures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	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	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.**