



2027 OMSITE Handbook

*Oral and Maxillofacial
Surgery
In-service Training
Examination*

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Mission

The American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (ABOMS) ensures that Diplomates meet our standards of training, education, and professionalism through our certification process. As the certifying body in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, ABOMS provides contemporary and innovative programs that promote optimal care and service to the public.

Vision

To be the recognized leader in Board Certification of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and related disciplines.

Organization

ABOMS is the certifying Board for the specialty of oral and maxillofacial surgery in the United States and is recognized and approved by the Council on Dental Education of the American Dental Association (CODA).

A committee was authorized at the 1945 annual meeting of the American Society of Oral Surgeons to establish an American Board of Oral Surgery, which would conduct examinations for the certification of specialists in oral surgery. In 1946, the American Board of Oral Surgery was incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois. During the following year, the American Board of Oral Surgery was approved by the Council on Dental Education of the American Dental Association and was authorized to proceed with the certification of specialists in oral surgery. The American Board of Oral Surgery was renamed the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery in 1978 to reflect the scope of the specialty. The name modification was incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois.

The operation of ABOMS is entrusted to an eight-member Board of Directors. These Directors are [Diplomates](#) of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Fellows of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. One Director is elected each year to an eight-year term during the Oral Certifying Exam by the Oral Certifying Exam Committee and ratified by the Board of Directors. The elected Director is affirmed during the annual meeting of



the House of Delegates of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. Members of the ABOMS Board of Directors serve without salary.

OMSITE Overview

The Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery In-service Training Examination (OMSITE) is a computer-based examination administered to categorical residents enrolled in CODA-accredited oral and maxillofacial surgery training programs in the United States and Canada. The examination consists of 250 multiple-choice questions designed to assess resident knowledge and assist programs in evaluating training performance across 10 subject areas within oral and maxillofacial surgery. The examination blueprint can be found at the end of this handbook.

OMSITE is administered through Prometric over a three-hour period with no scheduled break. The examination may be taken either at a Prometric Testing Center or through remote proctoring. All test takers must present one form of valid government-issued photo identification (e.g., driver's license, passport, military ID, or federal, state, or country-issued identification).

Residents are compared to peers with similar training backgrounds as well as all residents participating in the OMSITE. Programs are responsible for registering and scheduling their residents for the examination. Detailed registration instructions will be emailed separately.

Timeline

Below is the OMSITE timeline. Programs are responsible for communicating OMSITE expectations, deadlines, and scheduling information to their residents.

Scheduling information will be emailed to Program Directors and coordinators after applications close. Testing appointments are available on a first-come, first-served basis. ABOMS is not responsible for confirming, scheduling, or securing testing appointments. Fees for missed appointments are non-refundable.



2027 OMSITE Timeline	
Applications Open	September 16, 2026
Applications Due	October 27, 2026
Schedule Exam	November 11 – December 16, 2026
Payments Due	January 31, 2027
Exam Administered	February 6 – 20, 2027
Score Reports	Emailed to Program Directors by mid-April 2027

Examination Registration

Resident Information

Program Directors and coordinators are responsible for creating an account and registering each resident through the ABOMS Program Portal (www.aboms.org). Contact Linh Le if you do not have access to the Program Portal (Lle@aboms.org).

It is imperative that all resident demographic and training information is accurate, as OMSITE score reports and benchmarking data are based on the information provided during registration. During registration, Program Directors and coordinators provide each resident's demographic and training information. Detailed registration instructions will be emailed separately.

Payments

The OMSITE fee is \$300 USD per resident. Payments are accepted online through the Program Portal, or by check mailed or shipped to the ABOMS Administrative Office.

All payments must arrive at the ABOMS Administrative Office by January 31, 2027.

If paying by check, ensure the invoice is included to help us match the payment to your program. ABOMS strongly recommends that payments be sent by a trackable carrier. Exceptions are not made for payments delayed or lost in the mail.



Checks should be mailed or shipped to:

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Accommodation Policy

The American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (ABOMS) will provide appropriate and reasonable efforts to accommodate requests in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Issues such as a second language, test anxiety, slow reading without an identified underlying physical or mental deficit, and failure to achieve a desired outcome are not learning disabilities and generally are not covered by the ADA. ABOMS offers all examinations in the English language only.

Applicants that require special accommodations must contact Linh Le (lle@aboms.org) with specific accommodation requests and required documentation by the application deadline.

Supporting documentation must not be older than three years.

Required Documentation:

- Documentation of previous accommodations provided by educational institutions
- Evaluation from an appropriate licensed professional (physician and/or psychologist). The report must be on professional letterhead and must include but is not limited to, the following:
 1. The professional's qualifications, address, telephone number and original signature.
 2. The applicant's name and date of evaluations.
 3. The specific diagnostic tests or procedures administered. Diagnostic methods used should be appropriate to the disability and in alignment with current professional protocols.



4. The results of the tests or procedures and a comprehensive interpretation of the results.
5. The specific diagnosis of the disability, with an accompanying description of the applicant's limitation due to the disability.
6. A summary of the completed evaluation with recommendations for the specific accommodations requested and how they will reduce the impact of identified functional limitations and how they pertain to participation in the ABOMS examination.

The following documentation will not be accepted:

- Handwritten/emailed letters from licensed professionals
- Handwritten patient records or notes from patient chart
- Diagnoses on prescription pads
- Self-evaluations
- Research articles

Examination Security

All applicants' performance is continuously monitored and may be analyzed to detect fraud. This rigorous process is in place to ensure the fairness and integrity of the examination. To protect this integrity, Applicants are expected to adhere to the following behavior:

- During testing, between exams, and after the exam, there shall be no conversation regarding the examination with other applicants.
- Any applicant who violates security measures by giving or receiving help from other applicants during the examination will be asked to leave the examination.
- All examination materials, including all questions and all forms of the examination, are copyrighted and the property of ABOMS—any distribution of these materials or information through reproduction or memorization, whether oral or written, is prohibited.



- Anyone involved in such behavior is subject to the following disciplinary actions: their examination scores will be invalidated, the associated examination fee will be forfeited, and any involved applicants will be permanently prohibited from taking any future ABOMS examinations.

Administrative Policies

Refunds

All fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.

Release of Examination Results

OMSITE score reports are emailed to the Program Directors directly. Program Directors will receive performance data on each of their residents relative to their training background and all residents participating in the OMSITE.

ABOMS will not release any examination result information to individual residents. ABOMS does not report result information to third parties. ABOMS reserves the right to withhold examination results if any application materials are found to be deficient, expired, or inaccurate.



OMSITE Blueprint

The examination blueprint includes 10 subject areas with 25 questions in each area.

I. Medical Assessment and Management of the Surgical Patient

- A. Cardiovascular
- B. Respiratory
- C. Musculoskeletal & Nervous System
- D. Endocrine, GI, GU, Metabolic

II. Anesthesia and Pain Control

- A. Local Anesthesia
- B. Deep Sedation/ General Anesthesia
- C. ACLS
- D. Perioperative Pain Control
- E. Pediatric Anesthesia/PALS

III. Dentoalveolar

- A. Erupted/Unerupted Teeth
- B. Dentoalveolar injuries
- C. Infections
- D. Soft Tissue Procedures

IV. Trauma

- A. Evaluation of the Trauma Patient/ATLS
- B. Mandibular Injuries
- C. Mid/Upper Facial Injuries
- D. Soft Tissue Injuries

V. Orthognathic/Cleft/OSA

- A. Mandibular Deformities
- B. Maxillary Deformities
- C. Cleft Lip & Palate
- D. Craniofacial Syndromes
- E. Obstructive Sleep Apnea



VI. Cosmetic

- A. Nasal
- B. Periorbital
- C. Skeletal Contour Alteration
- D. Soft Tissue Procedures

VII. Temporomandibular Disorders/ Facial Pain

- A. Muscular Disorders
- B. Internal Derangements
- C. Degenerative Joint Disease
- D. Joint and Disc Reconstruction
- E. Facial Pain

VIII. Pathology

- A. Benign Lesions of Hard Tissue
- B. Benign Lesions of Soft Tissue
- C. Mucocutaneous/Dermatopathology
- D. Salivary Gland Pathology
- E. Malignant Lesions of Hard Tissue
- F. Malignant Lesions of Soft Tissue

IX. Reconstruction

- A. Nonvascularized Hard Tissue Grafts
- B. Nonvascularized Soft Tissue Grafts
- C. Vascularized Grafts
- D. Pedicle Flap

X. Implants

- A. Biology and Treatment Planning
- B. Prosthetic Considerations
- C. Hard Tissue Adjunctive Measures/Distracted Osteogenesis
- D. Soft Tissue Adjunctive Measures
- E. Complications



Sample Program Director's Score Report

Program Director's Report Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Intraining Exam (OMSITE)											
Program: [REDACTED]											
Program ID: [REDACTED] Number of Candidates : 6											
Resident	Medical Assessment	Anesthesia	Dento-alveolar	Trauma	Orthognathic/ Cleft/OSA	Cosmetic	Temporoma mandibular/ Facial Pain	Pathology	Recon- struction	Implants	Total Test
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

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	Medical Assessment	Anesthesia	Dento-alveolar	Trauma	Orthognathic/ Cleft/OSA	Cosmetic	Temporomandibular/ Facial Pain	Pathology	Reconstruction	Implants	Total Test
Your Resident Performance Average	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
All Resident Performance Average	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

Your Resident Performance Average is the average of all residents from your program in each of the content areas.

All Resident Performance Average is the average of all residents taking the exam in each of the content areas.

Scaled scores for the OMSITE range from 0 to 1000 scaled score points. Typically candidate scores fall between 100 and 600 scaled score points. As a general guideline for interpretation, the following may be useful:

250 and below	Low
251-375	Marginal
376-500	Satisfactory
501 and above	Excellent

Please note the following:

- The examination is designed to assess resident knowledge and provide educationally useful feedback; therefore, no pass point or criterion standard is established.
- Comparisons are based on average scores across groups.
- The scaled scores in the ten content areas are determined independently and cannot be averaged to calculate the total score.
- Due to the smaller number of questions in each content area, these scores may be more variable and less reliable than the overall test score.
- The content area scores are provided for general feedback to identify areas of strengths and areas for growth.



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