



2026 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 the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (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 (AAOMS). One Director is elected each year to an eight-year term by the House of



Delegates of the AAOMS. An Examination Committee composed of Diplomates of the ABOMS is appointed by the Board of Directors to prepare and conduct the annual certification examination. The Board of Directors and its Examination Committee serve without salary.

OMSITE Overview

The Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery In-service Training Examination (OMSITE) is a three-hour-long, 250-question multiple-choice computer-based examination designed to measure the competencies of residents in the field of oral and maxillofacial surgery. The OMSITE covers 10 subject areas designed to reflect the knowledge and skill of participating residents and assists Program Directors in effectively preparing residents for the Board Certification process.

The examination is administered to residents enrolled in CODA-accredited oral and maxillofacial surgery training programs in the U.S. and Canada. The responses we receive on the application are used to measure the residents' specific performance areas on the OMSITE.

Program and Resident Responsibilities

The timely submission of resident registrations and scheduling including the accuracy of the information submitted therein are the sole responsibility of the OMS Program Directors and residents. ABOMS recommends reading and following all instructions thoroughly.

It is the program's responsibility to keep a current address, email and telephone number on file. Please contact Linh Le, Lle@aboms.org to make changes. ABOMS does not share contact information with any other organization.

Examination Registration

Resident Information

Program Directors/coordinators are required to create an account and register each of their residents on www.ABOMS.org. It is imperative that the information is accurate. During



registrations, Program Directors/coordinators provide each of their residents' demographics and training information. Information on how to register your residents will be e-mailed from Examination Services Coordinator, Linh Le (Lle@aboms.org).

Payments

Payments are accepted online through the OMSITE Program Portal, or a check can be mailed/shipped to our administrative office. **All payments must arrive at the ABOMS Administrative Office by December 31, 2025.** If paying by check, ensure the invoice is included to help us match the payment to your program. ABOMS strongly recommends that materials be sent by a secured carrier. Exceptions are not made for submissions delayed or lost in the mail.

Timeline

Below is the examination timeline. Please keep in your records. ABOMS goes to great lengths to assist programs in the OMSITE process. In return, it is requested that the programs comply with set requirements and deadlines. It is the programs' responsibility to communicate the expectations and timelines to their residents.

| 2026 OMSITE Timeline | |
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| Applications Open | September 24, 2025 |
| Applications Due | October 23, 2025 |
| Schedule Exam | November 5 – December 18, 2025 |
| Payments Due | December 31, 2025 |
| After Application is Complete | |
| Exam Administered | February 7 – 21, 2026 |
| Results Emailed | Program Directors to Receive by mid-April 2026 |

Information on scheduling will be emailed to the Program Directors and coordinators after the applications close. Programs are responsible for registering and scheduling their residents for the OMSITE. Scheduling is done through the Prometric website.



The examination is administered from February 7–21, 2026, which includes three Saturdays. Testing dates are on a first-come basis. ABOMS is not responsible for confirming, scheduling, or securing testing dates. **Missed appointments will not be refunded.**

Accommodation Policy

ABOMS will make every effort to provide all appropriate and reasonable efforts to accommodate any requests in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. 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 Americans with Disability Act. ABOMS offers all examinations in the English language only.

Applicants that require special accommodations must contact the Linh Le (lle@aboms.org) with specific accommodation requests and required documentation by the application due date, **October 23, 2025.**

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 test taker'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 protocol.



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/Candidate'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

Decision and Outcome

The Credentials Committee will evaluate the documentation and decide which accommodations are reasonable in compliance with the ADA. The Credentials Committee will determine if special testing circumstances will be approved. If the Credentials Committee deems it necessary, it may require an independent evaluation of the applicant's disability.

Only accommodations requested during the application process and approved in advance by ABOMS will be honored at the test site. No accommodation requests will be considered or approved at the test center. No extensions to an application will be granted because of failure to identify disability or special need as required in the application materials.



Policy

Refunds

When programs register residents for an examination, significant costs are incurred by ABOMS; therefore, all fees are non-refundable and non-transferable. Missed examination appointments will not be refunded.

Release of Examination Results

OMSITE score reports are mailed to the Program Directors directly, followed by electronic copies by email. Program Directors will receive performance data on each of their residents relative to all residents participating in the OMSITE (their year of training and others with equivalent OMS training).

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.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How can data from the OMSITE be used?

A: Data from the OMSITE can be used to document resident progress, remediate residents, identify areas of strengths and weaknesses, and assess program performance.

Q: What is the cost of the OMSITE to the OMS training programs?

A: \$300.00 per resident

Q: How is the OMSITE data reported?

A: The OMSITE is designed to measure content related to the education and practice of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery representing the scope of the specialty. The data reported will accurately reflect the knowledge and skills of the participating residents at a given point in time. The data will undergo detailed psychometric analysis to ensure valid and reliable results.



Q: What is provided to the training programs?

A: Programs will receive performance data on each resident relative to the residents' participation in the OMSITE, their year of training, others with equivalent OMS training, others with equivalent anesthesia training and others with equivalent medicine and surgery training.

Additionally, programs will receive performance of final year residents relative to the mean scores of all final year residents.

Q: If I am a resident, how will get my OMSITE results?

A: All information regarding your OMSITE results will be sent to your Program Director. ABOMS will not release information directly to residents.

For more FAQs, you can find them on the [ABOMS website](#).



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