



American Board of Oral
and Maxillofacial Surgery

ABOMS Status Definitions

Active: A Diplomate who is actively engaged in the practice of oral and maxillofacial surgery or receives monetary remuneration by virtue of being an oral and maxillofacial surgeon, and is currently in good standing with ABOMS. A Diplomate in good standing who is currently in the clinical practice of oral and maxillofacial surgery. An Active Diplomate with a time-limited certificate is subject to all Certification Maintenance requirements.

Clinically Inactive Diplomate: A Diplomate not currently engaged in clinical practice but who may be involved in other professional activities (e.g., research, lectures and seminars, administration of institutional programs and/or activities) as allowed by appropriate jurisdictional law. This excludes expert testimony and related activities. A Clinically Inactive Diplomate must use the designation “Clinically Inactive Diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery” in all professional materials and communications. Each year as part of the ABOMS Annual Registration process, a Clinically Inactive Diplomate must attest that he/she does not assist or perform surgery, nor participate in the clinical supervision of residents or dental students. Violation of these provisions and any other related provisions will result in revocation of his/her certificate. A Clinically Inactive Diplomate is subject to all CM requirements with exception of:

- (i) Participation in the Evaluation of Performance in Practice component; and,
- (ii) Possession of active hospital privileges which permit admitting patients and performance of core OMS procedures.

Upon returning to the clinical practice of oral and maxillofacial surgery, a Diplomate designated as Clinically Inactive must petition the Board stating a desire to regain Active Diplomate status. The Diplomate will be required to provide documentation to the Board, consisting of but not limited to:

- (i) Demonstration of current completion of Evaluation of Performance in Practice; and
- (ii) Evidence of current active hospital privileges which permits admitting patients and performing core OMS procedures.

Retired Diplomate: A Diplomate who has retired from the active practice of oral and maxillofacial surgery and does not practice any aspect of oral and maxillofacial surgery. Retired Diplomates must identify themselves as “Retired Diplomates of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery” in all professional materials and communications.

- (i) Retired Diplomates who return to the active practice of oral and maxillofacial surgery are required to submit a request for change of status to the administrative office of their resumption of practice. If he/she requests a change of status of the Board after their certification has expired, he/she must repeat the entire certification process.

Retire Diplomates with time-limited certificates who return to the active practice of oral and maxillofacial surgery will be required to complete the Certification of Maintenance Program based on the expiration date of the time-limited certificate they held on entering Retired status. Should he/she fail to successfully complete the Certification of Maintenance program during the original three year period, he/she will assume the status of Resigned Diplomate, and must repeat the entire certification process to return to Active Diplomate status. A retired Diplomate whose time-limited certificate expired while he/she is in retired status and does not return to the active practice of oral and maxillofacial surgery will retain the status of Retired Diplomate.