



The purpose of the College is to encourage, support, and facilitate the process of Board Certification for orthodontists.

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This voluntary effort in continuing education is unique in that it applies earlier classroom work and conventional continuing education to the real world of patient care, culminating in presentation of treatment results for critical review by a panel of nationally-respected peers.

The significance of board certification, however, goes far beyond achieving the approval of a small panel of experts. The greatest benefit comes from the in-depth self-evaluation that is required by years of preparation and continued maintenance of board certification, spanning a career's quest for excellence.

**Requirements for Certification by
The American Board of Orthodontics**

- Graduation from an ADA accredited orthodontic institution.
- Successful completion of a written examination.
- Presentation of completed cases to demonstrate clinical competency.
- Continued maintenance of skills in diagnosis and treatment demonstrated by periodic re-examination and presentation of patient records.

**Application
Confirmation of the Required
Orthodontic Education**

This requires documentation that the orthodontist has followed his/her general dental education with at least two additional years of full time post-doctoral study in an orthodontic program accredited by the American Dental Association.

Written Examination

A Comprehensive Examination Reviewing the
Orthodontic Educational Curriculum

This requires an arduous examination exploring all phases of orthodontic care. The entire advanced specialty education course of study must be reviewed to prepare for this examination, including actual patient care.

Clinical Examination

Oral Exam and Case Presentation

This is an opportunity for the orthodontist to demonstrate accomplishment in patient care via detailed reports of a broad range of complex treatment problems. Detailed case reports, which include a written summary presentation of the history, diagnosis, treatment and final results analysis, must be documented with radiographs, photographs, and casts produced before and after treatment.

In addition to presenting the required case reports on the candidate's own cases, diagnoses and treatment planning based on records provided by Board examiners must also be developed and defended.

Recertification

Maintenance of Certification to
Assure Treatment Quality

Recertification is mandatory for maintenance of skills and knowledge, and therefore the Diplomate must undergo rigorous re-examination at scheduled intervals throughout his/her career. For those Diplomates holding a "lifetime certificate", voluntary recertification is encouraged.

DIPLOMATE

Successful completion of the Clinical Examination entitles the orthodontist to become Board Certified and to display the designation of Diplomate of The American Board of Orthodontics for the time limit of the certificate. The recertification examinations entitle the orthodontist to earn a new time limited certificate to allow continued use of the Diplomate designation.



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