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2016 ABO Spring News

The American Board of Orthodontics

Written Examination

The American Board of Orthodontics written examination will be conducted from April 12th-15th, 2016 at Pearson -VUE Testing Centers across the United States and Canada. The registration began on September 15th, 2015 and ended on March 4th 2016. Over 400 examinees are registered to take the exam in April. The ABO encourages the candidates to sign up early to secure a place at the testing centers.

The ABO updates the reading list annually. For more information regarding the topics and references, please visit the ABO website:

www.americanboardortho.com

Clinical Examinations

The clinical examinations for 2016 were given on February 23rd-27th The registration for the February exam ended on January 22nd 2016. The registration for the September 27th-October 1st exam, started on September 26th, 2015, and ends on August 26th, 2016. 130 orthodontists registered for the February exam as follows:

Recent Graduates: 110
Orthodontist practitioners: 10  
Certification renewal: 8  
Retakes: 1  
Voluntary recertification: 1  

The ABO has updated the clinical exam requirements. The candidates are advised to check the ABO website at www.americanboardortho.com, for information regarding the case presentation, new DI information, superimpositions instructions and PDF to download either onto your computer or as a hard copy for your reference when you are preparing for the exam.

Residents are advised to register early for the clinical exams since these exams fill up quickly.

The ABO encourages the ICE candidates to take advantage of the banking process for the clinical examination. Residents can meet the case presentation requirements, for the Initial Certification Exam, in stages by banking cases from their residency program. For more information about the banking process please visit the ABO website at: www.americanboardortho.com.

Recertification examination requirements

The American Board of Orthodontics has updated its requirement for certification renewal as follows:  
As of September 1st, 2015  
First certification renewal requirements: Two cases with a minimum DI of 20 with allowance for one surgical case. A substitution for a DI of at least ten will be allowed if the case is a class II or extraction. Additionally, the renewal exam will require an online multiple-choice scenario based questions from an AJODO CE article.
The ABO has revised the registration fee for certification renewal exam. The fee for the certification renewal exam is now $500.00.

**Second _fourth certification renewal requirements:** One non surgical case with a minimum DI of 20 with substitution of a minimum DI of ten if the case is a class II or extraction. Additionally, the renewal exams will require an online component. Full time faculty will adhere to the same requirements, except; For more information please visit the ABO website at: [www.americanboardortho.com](http://www.americanboardortho.com).

**ABO Advocacy Program**

The College of Diplomats of the American Board of orthodontics in conjunction with the American Board of Orthodontics has been very successful educating the orthodontic residents on the values and merits of Orthodontic Board Certification. The majority of the examinees are now residents just out of the orthodontic programs. Orthodontic Programs Incentivize the Board Exam as the “Gold Standard”. Orthodontists are choosing to get board certified by The American Board of Orthodontics (ABO) at an earlier point in their career than ever before - thanks to support from graduate programs equipping students with preparatory exercises, instructional courses and, in some cases, financial backing.

**American Board of Orthodontics Awards**

The American Board of Orthodontics will be awarding the following distinctions to a selected group of orthodontists who through out their career have contributed to the mission of the ABO of “Elevating the quality of orthodontic care for the public
by promoting excellence through certification, education and professional collaboration”:
  a. Albert H. Ketcham Memorial Award:  
    Dr. Eugene Roberts.
  b. Dale B. Wade Award:  
    Dr. Phillip M. Campbell
  c. Earl E. and Wilma S. Shepard Distinguished Service Award:  
    Dr. Stephen K. McCullough.
  d. O.B. Vaughn Special Recognition Award:  
    Dr. Steven D. Marshall.

These awards will be bestowed to the recipients during the 2016 AAO annual session in Orlando, Florida.

New American Board of Orthodontists Certified/Recertified GLAO Orthodontists

The GLAO congratulates the following orthodontists who attained ABO certification or were recertified during the September 2015 clinical exam:

Thomas D. Chae
Christopher L. Crane
Celia E. Fenell
Kevin M. Hallgren
Stacey J. Kirshenblatt
Matthew A. T. Nondorf
Rashelle D. Salaita
Monica P. Schneider
John L. Spolyar
Nathan E. Thomas
Special events

The ABO will host its Biennial Educators Symposium in St. Louis.

*The Charles Burstone – American Board of Orthodontics*

*“Clinical Challenges”*

*2016 Educators Symposium*

The symposium will be held on Saturday, April 2, 2016, at the Marriott St. Louis Airport, 10700 Pear Tree Drive, St. Louis, Missouri.

The topics to be covered include:

- Results/Feedback from the 2014 Educator’s Symposium
- Updates on both the Written and Clinical Examinations
- Growth/advocacy as it relates to certification renewal
- Ways the ABO is adding value to certification
- Technology overview on stereolithic models

These Symposiums hosted by the ABO, have been very beneficial to both the Educators and the ABO. The exchange of ideas resultant from these events, have help the ABO institute changes in the exam process facilitating and promoting ABO certification and addressing the educators needs.

Also the ABO is hosting a cephalometric workshop April 30th, 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. during the AAO meeting in Orlando, Orange County Convention West - Room 300

Please visit the case display room at the Orange County Convention West - Room 303.
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