

ABO Update:

- **Scenario-based Clinical Examination:** The ABO conducted three Clinical Examinations in 2021. The results from the February and July exams have been reported in previous newsletters. A total of 946 examinees were certified/recertified during the year. A listing by constituency for newly certified and recertified orthodontists in the third and fourth quarter is located on the [ABO website](#).

There are two Clinical exams being administered in 2022. Registration for the [February exam is closed](#). The **fall exam will be administered on the 6th and 7th of October**. The registration for this exam will close **June 2nd** unless the exam fills prior to that date. Orthodontists taking the examination are objectively tested on their knowledge, skills and critical thinking abilities. The exam format utilizes the most fair, reliable and valid testing methodology. Exams are scored by multiple ABO examiners to ensure accuracy and consistency for each exam section.

Preparation materials for the examination are continuously reviewed and updated on the [ABO website](#) to include study guide with sample cases. Tools previously developed by the ABO for outcome assessments continue to be important when preparing for the examination, as is clinical self-evaluation. Following a field study with ABO examiners and examinees on software functionality, the ABO announced **electronic Cast Radiograph Evaluation (e-CRE)** available as an assessment tool through Ortho Share 3D. The practice software is available free of charge by utilizing the link on the ABO website, completing the registration information and submitting a license agreement to access the software. Sample cases are uploaded in the software to include instructional videos.

The ABO is proud to announce that board certified orthodontists now represent **54%** of AAO membership!

- **Certification Renewal:** In order to maintain an active board status, Certification Renewal is required every 10 years (unless Lifetime certification is in place). The process may be started no earlier than 36 months prior to the expiration date printed on the board-certified orthodontist's certificate. Two options in completing the examination are offered, with both requiring the completion of an AJODO continuing education component. Voluntary Certification Renewal is encouraged for all Lifetime board certified orthodontists.
- **Written Examination Update:** Registration for the April 5, 2022, ABO Written Examination is closed. The examination will be administered at Pearson Vue Centers throughout the United States and Canada. Once the examination is successfully completed, it **does not expire**.

The Written Examination assesses the examinee's knowledge of basic sciences and clinical concepts based on criterion-referenced testing. The exam is composed of 240 multiple-choice questions on subject areas outlined by CODA and divided into four modules. A Reading List to assist in preparing for the examination is located on the ABO website.

Educational Update:

- During the 2022 AAO Annual Session in Miami Beach, the ABO will host an Educator/Advocate Workshop as well as an Open House/Info Session for meeting attendees interested in learning more about board certification. An ABO informational booth will also be located within the Exhibit Hall.

ABO Award Recognition:

Due to the cancellation of the 2020 and 2021 AAO Annual Session meeting, the 2020 ABO award recipients were not formally acknowledged. Therefore, a ceremony to honor these deserving individuals will take place during the 2022 AAO Annual Session in Miami Beach during the ABO Awards Night.

The following 2020 ABO award recipients will be recognized in 2022. Congratulations!

- Albert H. Ketcham Memorial Award: Dr. Rolf G. Behrents
- Dale B. Wade Award of Excellence in Orthodontics: Dr. Carla Evans
- Earl E. and Wilma S. Shepard Distinguished Service Award: Dr. Perry Opin
- O.B. Vaughan Special Recognition Award: Dr. John Kanyusik

Please visit the [ABO website](#) for information on all award honorees.