



ABO Examination Update

We are excited to announce that 61% of AAO orthodontists are now board certified! This accomplishment allows us all to have a stronger voice as together we set the standard of care for our specialty.

The ABO Written Examination was administered to 450 examinees on April 4, 2023, at Pearson-Vue Centers in the United States and Canada. The exam had a 97% pass rate. The next exam will take place on April 2, 2024.

A total of 165 orthodontists were certified during the 1st and 2nd quarters of 2023, including the February Scenario-based Clinical Examination, which had a 74% pass rate. Additionally, 26 orthodontists completed their 10 year certification renewal requirements. Please view the complete list of names by constituency [HERE](#). In addition, a total of 221 orthodontists were certified during the 3rd and 4th quarters of 2022, including the October Scenario-based Clinical Examination, which had an 81.8% pass rate. An additional 245 orthodontists completed their 10 year certification renewal requirements during the time period. Please view the complete list of names by constituency [HERE](#).

Two clinical examinations will be offered in 2024 – February 22-23 and September 17. In 2025 the ABO will transition to offer one fall Scenario-based Clinical Exam per year at Pearson-Vue Testing Centers Worldwide.

Board certified orthodontists are notified 3 years prior to the expiration date printed on their certificate that they are eligible to take the Certification Renewal Examination.

A panel of board-certified orthodontists and an additional oversight group have been established to conduct a Practice Analysis with the ABO psychometrician for all three examinations. Practice analysis studies serve as the bedrock for defining the essential components of credentialing programs and are the primary evidential link between the responsibilities of the professional role and the certification requirements. Thus, practice analyses are critical in establishing and safeguarding a credentialing examination's practice relevance, content validity, and legal defensibility.

Details on becoming certified, including eligibility requirements and online resources to help you prepare, are available on the [ABO website](#). ABO Examination Coordinators are also available to assist with questions you may have and can be contacted as follows:

- Nicole Huson, Written Examination Certification Coordinator, Nicole@AmericanBoardOrtho.com
- Kim Koch, Clinical Examination Coordinator, Kim@AmericanBoardOrtho.com

2023 AAO Annual Session

Thank you to those who visited the ABO booth during the 2023 AAO Annual Session in Chicago, IL. ABO directors and staff were available to answer questions on the board certification process. Educational Toolkit materials for board certified orthodontists were also showcased. If you were not able to attend the meeting but have questions on board certification, please contact us at info@AmericanBoardOrtho.com for assistance.

ABO 2024 Awards Recipients

The ABO 2024 award recipients have been announced. Congratulations to the following individuals who will be recognized during the 2024 AAO Annual Session in New Orleans, LA:

- Dr. Peter Greco - Albert H. Ketcham Memorial Award
- Dr. Allen Moffitt - Dale B. Wade Award of Excellence in Orthodontics
- Dr. Eladio DeLeon - Earl E. and Wilma S. Shepard Distinguished Service Award
- Dr. Leslie Will - O.B. Vaughan Special Recognition Award

ABO Instagram and Facebook Accounts

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Instagram account: <https://www.instagram.com/americanboardorthodontics/>

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ABO Director Update

[Dr. Meenakshi Vishwanath](#) of Lincoln, Nebraska, has been selected and confirmed by the AAO House of Delegates as the new 2023-2024 ABO Director representing the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists.

If you are interested in serving on the ABO Board of Directors, please contact your constituent organization for details on its nomination process and when the next opening from your constituent will occur.