

# American Board of Independent Medical Examiners (ABIME LLC)

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## Overview of the Re-Certification (Maintenance of Certification) Process for Doctors

ABIME certified doctors must maintain a high level of expertise and training in the specialty of disability medicine with focus on Independent Medical Examination, Medicolegal and personal injury assessment skills through Continued Professional Development (CPD).

In order to ensure the continued competence of its certified Independent Medical Examiners, ABIME mandates **re-certification** every **five years** by requiring its diplomates to demonstrate the knowledge, skills and abilities through the process of Maintenance of Certification (MOC). This involves continuing medical education and continued practice accreditation or examination.

ABIME's MOC program was created with input from its certified doctors across the world. It provides doctors with a pathway to know that they are staying current in the medical knowledge and IME skills they use in forming reasoned medical opinions enabling them to provide expert opinions and testimony in Medicolegal and personal injury cases to assist the adjudicators and legal profession in adjudication of personal injury claims.

The program has evolved to include new assessment options and an increased recognition of the work Independent Medical Examiners do every day. ABIME is also continuing its collaboration with American College of Independent Medical Examiners (ACIME) to increase the relevance and recognition of demonstration of competence by continued practice accreditation (MAPP®).

It must be noted that **Initial ABIME certification can be achieved only through examination.**

## To stay ABIME certified: Every 5 years earn 100 MOC points

### Two Components of Recertification (MOC Program)

All candidates for recertification must demonstrate competence through continuing education. Candidates must achieve **100 points** in total, distributed across various activities as follows:

1. 60 points earned for continuous education in your own specialty from any institution for approved CME or CPD over last 3 years. Each hour would qualify for 1 point.
2. The remaining **40** points may be obtained from either:
  - A. Passing the ABIME recertification exam after meeting eligibility criteria  
**OR**
  - B. Through Practice Pathway Accreditation (PPA). This requirement can be satisfied by obtaining successful completion certificate of Maintenance of [Accreditation by practice pathway \(MAPP®\)](#) by American College of Independent Medical Examiners (ACIME).

Upon completion of the 2 components above, submit also the following to the ABIME office:

- ✓ Current curriculum vitae
- ✓ Copy of your current medical license/registration certificate

Please note that completing the above does not automatically renew the ABIME certification. ABIME staff must determine after review of the file that all criteria are met and confirm that the candidate meets the recertification criteria and has successfully completed the process by issuing an official letter of recertification for 5 years.

**All former ABIME Diplomates seeking to regain ABIME Board certification are always welcome to Recertify by ABIME exam.**