

ABO News

The American Board of Orthodontics (ABO) is proud to announce that **63%** of the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) are now board certified! Board certification continues to set the standard of care for the specialty. We are leading the way - together!

Written Examination Update:

The 2024 ABO Written Examination was administered to 443 examinees on April 2, at Pearson Vue Testing Centers in the United States and Canada. The examination had a **99% pass rate**.

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Scenario-based Clinical Examination Update:

The ABO February 2024 Scenario-based Clinical Examination was conducted February 22-23 at Pearson-Vue Testing Centers Worldwide. A total of 329 orthodontists were certified during the 1st and 2nd Quarters of 2024, including the February examination, which had an **89% pass rate**. In addition, 21 orthodontists completed their 10-year certification renewal requirements. Please visit the [ABO website](#) for a complete listing of names by constituency for this time period.

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Future Examination Dates Announced

Written Examination: The 2025 Written Exam will be held on April 9, with online registration scheduled to open November 6, 2024. The exam will be administered at Pearson-Vue Centers in the United States and Canada. Applicants must have graduated or be currently enrolled in an advanced specialty education program in orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics in the United States or Canada, accredited by CODA. Orthodontic residents must have completed 18 months of their program by the Written Examination date to be eligible to take the exam.

Scenario-based Clinical Examination: The next Clinical Examination will be administered September 17, 2024 (registration is now open through June 20, 2024 or until all slots have been filled). The examination will be held at Pearson-Vue Centers Worldwide. Beginning in 2025, the ABO will transition to one fall Scenario-based Clinical Examination per year.

Certification Renewal Reminder

ABO certification renewal is an important component of the board certification process. Successful completion of the examination is required every 10 years to maintain an active board certification status. 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. You have two options to renew, including an Online Board Case Exam or a Mail-In Case Report Exam, along with completing continuing education credits from four online AJODO examinations. Online materials are available to prepare for the

Certification Renewal Examination and include a Study Guide with FAQs, and a video, summarizing the process

ABO Ambassador Pathway Program

The ABO has replaced the former ABO Advocacy Program with the Ambassador Pathway Program. This new program consists of in-person (or virtual) presentations by ABO Ambassadors, as requested by orthodontic programs, and will focus on the pathway to board certification and the value it contains both personally and professionally. 16 Ambassadors have been selected, representing all 8 constituencies. These individuals received training from ABO Directors and staff during the 2024 AAO Annual Session. The program's soft launch is scheduled for June 2024. Additional information, including how to schedule an Ambassador visit to orthodontic programs, and how to serve as an ABO Ambassador will be announced soon.

ABO at the 2024 AAO Annual Session

The ABO was pleased to recognize the 2024 award recipients during the ABO 2024 Awards Night in New Orleans, LA. Congratulations to the following individuals:

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

The award recipients for 2025 were announced to include the following individuals who will be recognized during next year's 2025 AAO Annual Session in Philadelphia, PA. Congratulations!

- **Dr. David Sarver** – Albert H. Ketcham Memorial Award
- **Dr. Scott Jamieson (GLAO)** and **Dr. Larry Tadlock** - Dale B. Wade Award of Excellence in Orthodontics
- **Mrs. Melissa Brydels** - Earl E. and Wilma S. Shepard Distinguished Service Award
- **Dr. Jim Henderson** - O.B. Vaughan Special Recognition Award

ABO Instagram and Facebook Accounts

Please follow us on our social media channels for the latest ABO news and updates. The ABO has added an "Across the Board" blog on our website. Timely updates and important news will now be shared via this communication method.

<https://americanboardortho.com/blog/>
<https://www.instagram.com/americanboardorthodontics/>
<https://www.facebook.com/americanboardoforthodontics>

I commend all of those who have chosen to make a lifelong commitment to elevate the quality of orthodontic patient care. For those who have not yet undertaken the certification process, I encourage you to consider doing so. If you have any questions regarding the Board, please do not hesitate to connect with me personally at Puntillo@AmericanBoardOrtho.com.