

## 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!

### 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.

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**Scenario-based Clinical Examination:** The next Clinical Examination will be administered September 17, 2025 (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.

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### 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 Awards

The ABO 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.

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<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](mailto:Puntillo@AmericanBoardOrtho.com).