



Renewing your ABSNM Certification

The American Board of Science in Nuclear Medicine recognizes the importance of continuing professional development. The field of nuclear medicine science never stops moving forward – and neither should its scientists. Whether scientists work in clinical care, research, administration, radiation protection, or other areas of nuclear medicine, accredited Continuing Education helps them continuously improve their practice. Effective January 1, 2015 all new ABSNM certifications will be granted on a time limited basis. Every four (4) years, each Diplomate will be required to complete and submit documentation of **100** hours of Category 1 Continuing Education Credits. 70 hours of these credits must be in the diplomate’s primary specialty.

TERM: The initial ABSNM certification will be for 4 years and must be renewed every 4 years thereafter in order to maintain certification. The reporting period begins July 1 the first year and ends June 30 four years later. If your CE Credit Reporting Form is not received with appropriate CE credits and supporting documents by August 31 immediately after the end of the fourth year, you will be removed from the list of certified diplomates. In addition, your annual maintenance of certification fee must be paid in full.

Definition of Category 1 Credits:

Category 1 Credits: At least 70 of the 100 required CE credits must be in your primary specialty.

In order for an activity to be designated for Category 1 credit it must be planned by an accredited CE provider. Category 1 credits can be obtained during attendance at National and/or Local Meetings of organizations such as AAPM, HPS, SNMMI, ACR, ASTRO, NCRP, RSNA, etc. These are formally planned meetings that include documentation of acceptable needs assessment, learning objectives, educational design, an evaluation method, and disclosure. Additional Category 1 activities include lectures and meetings in which learners are physically or remotely present and “Enduring Materials” - CE activities based on recorded or published content (i.e., printed materials, CD-ROMs, audio CDs, DVDs, Internet presentations). Some organizations such as AAPM have online learning centers that allow diplomates to obtain Category 1 credits for successfully passing quizzes associated with informational sources such as journal articles, presentations, task group reports, and other publications.

FEES: The following fees are currently in effect for recertification:

Annual MOC Fee: \$ 75.00...Deadline: July 1st each year.

Annual MOC Fee and Late Fee: \$ 125.00...Deadline: December 31st of the year due.

Reinstatement of expired certification: \$ 650.00...Deadline: After December 31st of the year due, but before July 1st of the following year.

Reinstatement after 1 year of expired certification requires reapplying for and retaking the general and specialty examinations.

