



Improving Health and Health Care (IHHC) Credit Information Guide

This table identifies the requirements and answers key questions for earning Improving Health and Health Care (IHHC/Part IV) credit for continuing certification (MOC) through the ABMS Portfolio Program™. Evidence of participation must be submitted according to the ABMS Portfolio Program meaningful participation requirements. ABMS Portfolio Program Sponsors review and approve team-based internal QI/PI and patient safety activities according to the requirements established by the ABMS Portfolio Program. Email questions to: PortfolioProgram@abms.org.

Certifying Body	General Improving Health and Health Care IHHC/Part IV Requirements	What do diplomates receive for documented participation in an ABMS Portfolio Program project?	Does completion of a project through the ABMS Portfolio Program completely fulfill the IHHC/Part IV requirement?	How do diplomates know completion data has been received and recorded?	According to what date is credit awarded?	Does the certifying body award credit for continued engagement for the same QI/PI work?	Can resident QI/PI work be submitted through the ABMS Portfolio Program?
American Board of Anesthesiology (ABA)	25 Points of Practice Assessment/QI activities every 5 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traditional MOCA: One Part IV case evaluation MOCA 2.0: 20 points for standard participation, 25 for leaders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standard participation- no QI leader - yes 	Credit is reflected in their ABA Portal	Submitted date	Yes, with additional measures and interventions	No
American Board of Dermatology (ABD)	One (1) Practice Assessment/QI activity every 5 years	One (1) Practice Assessment/QI activity	Yes	Diplomates self-attest and credit is reflected in their MOC table	Diplomate participation end date	No	No
American Board of Emergency Medicine (ABEM)	One (1) Practice Improvement (PI) activity every 5 years	One (1) PI activity	Yes	Credit is reflected in their ABEM account	Diplomate participation end date	Yes	No
American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM)	One (1) Improvement in Medical Practice module every 3 years	One (1) Improvement in Medical Practice module	Yes	Credit is reflected in their ABFM Portfolio	Diplomate participation end date	Yes, with new/ additional interventions	Yes - credit is applied to resident portfolio
American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM)	Optional; Bonus points for participation in approved activities	30 Practice Assessment points	No – this is not required by ABIM, but the board recognizes and rewards activities in this area	ABIM emails the diplomate upon updating their online portal	Diplomate participation end date	Yes	No
American Board of Medical Genetics and Genomics (ABMGG)	One (1) Improvement in Medical Practice module every 3 years	One (1) Improvement in Medical Practice module	Yes	Credit is reflected in their ABMGG Portal	Generally according to end date but some flexibility	Dependent upon activity. Contact Portfolio Program staff	No
American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ABOG)	Yearly participation in an Improvement in Medical Practice activity	One (1) Improvement in Medical Practice activity	Yes	Credit is reflected in their ABOG Portal	Submitted date	Yes	No
American Board of Ophthalmology (ABOp)	Completion of the first improvement activity by year 5 and the second activity by year 8 is recommended, but not required. Both activities are required by end of year 10	One (1) Practice Improvement activity	Completion of a project through the Portfolio Project satisfies one of two IMP/Part IV requirements for Ophthalmology	ABOp emails the diplomate and reflects credit online	Submitted date	Yes	No
American Board of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery (ABOHNS)	Under development	One (1) Performance Improvement module	Yes	ABOHNS emails the diplomate and reflects credit online	Generally according to end date but some flexibility	No	No

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American Board of Pathology (ABPath)	Yearly, evidence of: (a) Laboratory accreditation, (b) Laboratory quality assurance, and (c) I Practice Assessment/QI activity	One (1) Practice Assessment/QI activity	Yes	ABPath emails the diplomate and reflects credit online	Credit is given for the years covered by the start and end date	Yes	No
American Board of Pediatrics (ABP)	Obtaining a minimum of 50 Improvement in Medical Practice points every 5 years	25 Improvement in Medical Practice points	No - ABP requires 50 points	ABP emails the diplomate and reflects credit in their online portfolio	Diplomate participation end date	Yes, with new/ additional interventions	Yes - credit will be applied towards first MOC cycle
American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (ABPMR)	One (1) Practice Assessment/QI activity every 5 years	One (1) Practice Assessment/QI activity	Yes	Credit is reflected in their ABPMR profile	Submitted date	Yes, but only if enough time has passed between each submission of the same work (2+ years)	Yes - credit will be applied towards first MOC cycle
American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology (ABPN)	One (1) Practice Assessment/QI activity every 3 years	One (1) Practice Assessment/QI activity	Yes	Credit is reflected in their ABPN profile	Diplomate participation end date	Yes	No
Radiology (ABR)	One (1) Practice Quality Improvement (PQI) Project or Participatory Activity every 3 years	One (1) PQI project	Yes	Diplomates self-attest and credit is reflected in their MOC table	According to diplomate participation end date	Yes	No
American Board of Surgery (ABS)	Required participation in a local, regional or national outcomes registry or quality assessment program	One (1) Quality Assessment Program	Yes	Credit is reflected in their ABS portal	Diplomate participation end date	Yes	No
American Board of Thoracic Surgery (ABTS)	One (1) Practice Assessment/QI activity every 5 years	One (1) Practice Assessment/QI activity	Yes	Credit is reflected in their ABTS portal	Diplomate participation end date	No	No
American Board of Urology (ABU)	Completion of a Practice Assessment Protocol (PAP) every 2 years; case log review	One (1) PAP activity	Yes	Credit is reflected in their ABU portal	Submitted date	No	No
National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA)	100 CME credits per two-year cycle, including at least 50 Category I CME credits	30 PI-CME Credits (NCCPA doubles the first 20 PI-CME credits earned for each PA per CME logging cycle)	No - PAs must earn and report 100 credits per CME logging cycle	NCCPA emails the PA and reflects credit in PAs online CME record	Diplomate participation end date	No	N/A