



AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC BOARD OF  
OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY  
Operating Under Authority of the American Osteopathic Association

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## **RE-ENTRY PROCESS**

Candidates who have not completed certification in Obstetrics and Gynecology or its subspecialties during the initial 6-year time frame of board eligibility may re-enter the certification process via the first re-entry process as outlined below:

### **First Re-Entry Process**

1. Candidates must petition the AOBOG for re-entry into the certification process. A petition must include the following:
  - a. Request in writing to the board requesting re-entry (letter or e-mail)
  - b. Current CV
  - c. A copy of the letter from the ACOOG (for osteopathically-trained physicians) or AOA (for allopathically-trained physicians) stating that your training is complete
2. In addition, candidates must hold a current, active state medical license and current AOA membership in good standing in order for their petition to be accepted. The AOBOG office will verify this information for you.

Petitions may be sent via e-mail ([aobog@osteopathic.org](mailto:aobog@osteopathic.org)), fax (312-202-8482), or mail (142. E. Ontario St., Chicago, IL 60611). The AOBOG will make every effort to respond to all requests within 30 days of petition receipt.

Upon acceptance into the first re-entry process, the candidate must follow the following process:

1. The candidate must start at the beginning of the certification process. Prior activity toward certification will not be recognized in the first re-entry process.
2. Candidates must participate in the first available administration of the exam.
3. The candidate will have two attempts to pass each step of the examination process.
4. If unsuccessful on a given administration, the candidate must participate in the next available examination administration.

Candidates who are not successful in becoming certified at the end of the first re-entry process may pursue certification only by petitioning the AOBOG for entry into the final pathway process.

## **Final Pathway**

Candidates who are not successful in becoming certified at the end of the first re-entry process may pursue certification only by petitioning the AOBOG for entry into the final pathway process as outlined below.

1. Candidates must petition the AOBOG for entry into the final pathway process. The petition must include the following:
  - a. Request in writing to the board requesting re-entry
  - b. Current CV
  - c. In addition, candidate must hold a current, active state medical license and current AOA membership in good standing in order for the petition to be accepted. The AOBOG office will verify this information for the candidate.
  
2. The AOBOG has established the following criteria that must be met prior to granting entry into the final pathway process:
  - a. Completion of 25 Category 1 CME credits in the specialty or subspecialty
  - b. Completion of a board review course approved by the AOBOG.

Upon notification of the criteria, the candidate must display efforts to conform and satisfy the requirements without delay.

Upon completion of the requirements, the candidate must follow the pathway outlined below. Prior activity toward certification will not be recognized in the final pathway process.

- a. Candidates must enter at the beginning of the board's certification process.
- b. Candidates must participate in the first available administration of the exam.
- c. The candidate will have two attempts to pass each step of the examination process.
- d. If unsuccessful on a given administration, the candidate must participate in the next available examination administration.

Candidates who were not successful in becoming certified at the end of the final pathway have no further opportunity to become certified in the specialty or subspecialty.