

**The American Board of Anesthesiology (ABA)
Maintenance of Certification in Anesthesiology (MOCA) Program
Certification End Year 2020**

REQUIREMENTS	ACTION ITEMS	TIMING
Part I – Professional Standing (PS)		
Hold an active, unrestricted medical license in the United States (US) or Canada. All US and Canadian medical licenses must be unrestricted.	Review and update your medical license information via your portal account through the ABA website at www.theABA.org .	Continuous
Part II – Lifelong Learning and Self-Assessment (LLSA)		
Continually seek to improve the quality of your clinical practice and patient care through self-directed professional development. This should be done through self-assessment and learning opportunities related to your practice. Your LLSA requirement for maintenance of certification is 350 credits of continuing medical education (CME) activities. Of the 350 credit total: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 250 credits must be Category 1 credits (ACCME/AMA PRA-approved). • At most 100 credits may be from non-Category 1 activities. • Beginning with 2006, no more than 70 credits per calendar year will be credited toward LLSA requirement. • At least 90 credits earned through completion of the ASA's ACE and/or SEE programs. • At least 20 credits of Patient Safety CME available through the ASA and ABMS. 	Submit your LLSA (CME) activities to the ABA via your portal account for any activities completed since the day after you were certified. Instructions can be found at: http://www.theaba.org/pdf/How_to_Submit_CME_for_MOCA.PDF	Continuous
Part III – Cognitive Examination (CE)		
Demonstrate your cognitive expertise by passing an ABA examination administered via computer under secure, proctored, standardized testing conditions. The examination is comprised of 200 questions, of which 150 questions are in General Anesthesia and 50 questions are divided among: Pediatric Anesthesia, Cardiothoracic Anesthesia, Neuroanesthesia, Critical Care Medicine, Obstetrical/Gynecologic Anesthesia, and Pain Medicine.	In years 7 to 10, pass the examination. Examination prerequisites: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Satisfactory Professional Standing (PS). • One satisfactory Practice Performance Assessment and Improvement (PPAI) activity. • At least 200 LLSA credits granted toward the total of 350. 	2017-2020 two exams offered per year
Part IV – Practice Performance Assessment and Improvement (PPAI)		
<u>Case Evaluation:</u> A four-step process where you assess your practice and implement changes that improve patient outcomes. <u>Simulation:</u> A hands-on opportunity to learn and perform valuable crisis management techniques in a simulation setting at an ASA-endorsed center.	Complete both a Case Evaluation and Simulation Course during your 10-year MOCA cycle. One PPAI activity must be completed between years 1 to 5, and the second between years 6 to 10.	2011-2015 2016-2020