



*American Board of Oral Implantology/
Implant Dentistry*

Certification Examination Handbook

The American Board of Oral Implantology / Implant Dentistry was chartered in 1969 by the American Academy of Implant Dentistry (AAID). The Board's mission is to elevate the standards and advance the science and art of oral implantology/ implant dentistry by encouraging its study and improving its practice.

In fulfilling its purpose and objectives, the ABOI/ID follows the “*Standards for Accreditation of National Certification Organizations*” of the National Organization of Competency Assurance.

The ABOI/ID is not recognized as a Specialty Board by the American Dental Association. However, the ABOI/ID closely adheres to the ADA’s “*Requirements for National Certifying Boards for Dental Specialties*” in the administration of its programs and examinations.

The American Board of Oral Implantology/ Implant Dentistry (ABOI/ID) is an independent organization that is sponsored by the American Academy of Implant Dentistry. Its mission is to elevate the standards and to advance the science and art of oral implantology/implant dentistry by encouraging its study and improving its practice.

Diplomates of the ABOI/ID represent a diverse cross section of clinicians; private practice and academic, surgical and restorative. Specialties represented among ABOI Diplomates include general practice, oral and maxillofacial surgery, periodontology and prosthodontics. We invite you to review the enclosed materials regarding the application and examination process.

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REQUIREMENTS FOR BOARD CERTIFICATION:

The ABOI Board Certification examination is comprised of two sections. The first section is a written examination and the second section consists of case presentations and case defense.

The examination is comprehensive, covering topics such as collecting and assessing patient data, preparing and presenting a patient treatment plan, implementing patient treatment, and maintaining the effectiveness of the dental implant treatment.

The ABOI measures the in-depth knowledge, proficient skills, and abilities of practitioners to provide comprehensive, safe and effective oral implant care for the public.

Candidates must pass the Part I written examination prior to taking the Part II case presentation portion of the examination.

Application information may be obtained on the ABOI website (www.aboi.org). Part I of the application is available for electronic submission. Some required supporting documents must be mailed or faxed to the ABOI.

For Part I, the ABOI has developed routes by which candidates can apply for Diplomate status. Each route is explained below. Please keep in mind while reviewing these routes that you must meet the all of the criteria listed in that route and must possess a license to practice dentistry in the United States or Canada. If you are not sure or have additional questions, please contact the ABOI.

Route 1

- You are a graduate of a Full Time post doctoral program in Oral Implantology
- The program must have been a minimum of 2 years in length
- The program is Accredited or approved by either the Commission on Dental Accreditation or JCAHO
- You have completed 10 arches of implant treatment and the implants have been restored for a minimum of 1 year

Route 2

- You are a Board Certified dental specialist and a graduate of a full time advanced educational program (minimum of 2 years) in the following specialties:
 - Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
 - Periodontics
 - Prosthodontics
- You have completed a minimum of ten (10) arches of implant treatment and the cases have been restored for at least one (1) year
- A copy of your board certification certificate must be submitted with your application

--- If you qualify under either Route 1 or 2, you are exempt from the Part I written examination of the ABOI Board certification.

Route 3

- You have completed a full time advanced education program (minimum of two (2) years in:
 - Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
 - Periodontics
 - Prosthodontics*(If you are board certified in any of these specialties- GO BACK and apply through Route 2)*
- You have completed a minimum of ten (10) arches of implant treatment and the cases have been restored for at least one (1) year

Route 4

- You are a general dentist, or dental specialist not listed in Routes 1, 2 or 3 and ONE of the following:
 - Diplomate of the American Board of General Dentistry
 - Diplomate of the International Congress of Oral Implantologists
 - Associate Fellow in the American Academy of Implant Dentistry
 - Member of the Academy of General Dentistry at the level of Fellowship or Mastership
 - Fellow of the Academy of Osseointegration
 - You attended a General Practice Residency program in the United States

In addition to that you also:

- Have a minimum of six (6) years of clinical practice experience in Implant Dentistry
- Completed ten (10) arches of implant treatment with cases being restored for at least one (1) year
- Possess a minimum of 570 hours of Continuing Dental Education hours or Continuing Medical Education hours that are specific to implant dentistry

Additional information related to Continuing education hours:

300 hours of the 570 of continuing education hours must be part of a continuum of training in implant dentistry. The 300 hour requirement may be met by combining hours from multiple continuums each containing a minimum of 60 hours of instruction.

For the purpose of the application, the ABOI/ID defines a continuum as a series of implant specific CE courses given by the same sponsor which are in aggregate a minimum of 60 hours in duration.

The continuing education programs submitted must be recognized by one of the following continuing education providers and must be one of the following: ADA CERP, AGD PACE, ACCME or State recognized CME provider.

The other 270 hours of continuing education must be implant related in nature including but not limited to the following examples:

Implant Surgery	Conscious Sedation	Pharmacology
Periodontology	Occlusion	Medical Emergencies
Computer Diagnostics and Tx planning		Bone/Soft Tissue Grafting

Route 5

- You are currently a post-doctoral student registered in
 - A full time program (3 years minimum) in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Periodontics or Prosthodontics
- You are currently in your LAST year of the program
- You can provide a letter from your program dean verifying that:
 - You are in your last year
 - You are in good standing with your program
 - You are likely to graduate at the end of the final semester or term of the program

*this route will consist of the Part I examination only

Part II Application Process:

Part II of the examination requires the submission of 10 documented implant cases for ABOI review. The Part II Examination consists of two components: preset scenarios and submitted cases completed by the candidates. The first component consists of candidates rotating through a series of stations with pre-set cases in which they will be questioned about by two examiners. Candidates are given time to review the cases prior to the examination in a secure area. The second component is where the candidate will defend their submitted cases. Examiners review the candidates' cases prior to the examination and will choose 3-4 cases the candidate will defend. No prior notice will be given as to which cases are chosen.

The first 5 cases must be comprised of the following types of cases:

Case 1: Edentulous mandible with implant support that includes – Four (4) or more root form implants which must be a minimum of 3.25mm in diameter

Case 2: A posterior quadrant in a partially edentulous mandible
Implant support must have included a system that includes two or more root form implants which must be a minimum of 3.25mm in diameter

Case 3: A partially or fully edentulous arch requiring osseous augmentation with implant support of 2 or more root form implants which must be a minimum of 3.25mm in diameter

Case 4: Anterior maxilla with implant support that includes one or more root form implant(s) with a minimum diameter of 3.0 mm

Case 5: Edentulous maxilla OR bilateral maxillary posterior edentulous regions with implant support of four (4) or more root form implants which must be a minimum of 3.25mm in diameter

Cases 6-10 Cases 6-10 are to be selected by the candidate. Note: while there is no specific case type required, cases containing mini-implants (defined as less than 3.0mm in diameter) for long term prosthetic support are *not acceptable* for the purpose of the Part II examination.

How to Submit your cases:

All cases are to be submitted to the ABOI Headquarters electronically, either on a CD or flashdrive.

You are required to submit the following items in the following format:

- Build each of your cases in a single folder
 - ie: Case 1 MR (case number and patient initials)
- Complete the application in its entirety for each case
 - Do not leave any section blank
 - If you do not have the information or it does not apply, provide rationale
- After you have completed the application, put the application in the corresponding folder
- Make another folder in the same folder for Radiographs
 - Put corresponding labeled radiographs in this folder
 - Remember to de-identify your radiographs
 - Required radiographs:
 - Pre-Op(s)
 - Post Surgical(s)
 - Post Prosthetic(s)
 - Image with the final restoration(s) in function for a minimum of one (1) year
 - CT scans are also admissible – please make sure that the files do not require additional software to view.
- Make another folder in the main folder for Photos
 - Put corresponding labeled photos in this folder
 - Remember to de-identify your photos
 - Required photos:
 - Occlusal view of maxillary arch
 - Occlusal view of mandibular arch
 - Frontal view in maximum intercuspation position

- Left side
 - Right side
- For cases that involve an implant supported / retained removable prostheses:
 - Occlusal views of all implant attachment mechanisms (intra-oral)
 - Views of tissue surface areas of the removable prostheses

The fields on the application are expandable, use as much space as necessary to compile your cases.

How examinations are administered:

The Part I Examination is a written examination consisting of 250 multiple choice questions; the examination is given in two parts, morning and afternoon sessions. Candidates are given 3 hours for each section. Candidates are not allowed to bring any electronic devices, bags or other extraneous items into the examination room.

The Part II Examination consists of two components: preset scenarios and submitted cases completed by the candidates. The first component consists of candidates rotating through a series of stations with pre-set cases in which they will be questioned about by two examiners. Candidates are given time to review the cases prior to the examination in a secure area. The second component is where the candidate will defend their submitted cases. Examiners review the candidates' cases prior to the examination and will choose 3-4 cases the candidate will defend. No prior notice will be given as to which cases are chosen.

Application / Rescheduling Fees / Re Examination Fees

All application materials must be received by the ABOI by the stated due date. Candidates submitting incomplete applications or application materials after the deadline will not be eligible to participate in that year's examination. The ABOI recommends that the candidate choose the most expeditious method (Federal Express or Express Mail) of sending materials to the ABOI to ensure timely receipt.

Part I application fee	\$400.00
Part I examination fee	\$500.00
Part II examination fee (includes oral exam/case presentations)	\$900.00
Re-Examination Fee :	\$400.00

A cancellation fee of \$400.00 will apply for any candidate requesting to cancel and re-schedule any portion of the certification exam within 45 days of the scheduled examination.

Part II must be successfully completed within four years of receipt of the Part I application.

Applicable fees must accompany your application(s). Fees are non-refundable and must be in U.S. dollars drawn from a U.S. bank. Please make checks payable to ABOI/ID.

Applications are due by October 15 of each year. Examination dates vary from year to year dates will be posted on the ABOI website as soon as they are available; Check www.aboi.org for current testing dates.

Verification of Current Licensure

You must provide evidence of an active, unrestricted license for the state or province in which you reside to include expiration dates. This information will be independently verified by the ABOI. In the event that the ABOI determines that a candidate does not qualify to sit for the examination, the candidate will be notified and application fees refunded.

Intent to Take the Examination

Once your application is approved, you will be contacted in writing by the ABOI. At that time, you will be required to submit a Letter of Intent with the appropriate fees to the ABOI Headquarters. Examination fees are non-refundable.

Candidates with Special Accommodation Needs

The ABOI wishes to ensure that persons with disabilities have physical access to the testing facility. We are committed to making reasonable accommodations in the way we administer our test for those with disabilities. If you have a disability that requires our attention, please advise us a minimum of 60 days prior to the date of the examination, so that we may accommodate your needs.

Applicants Responsibilities

The timely submission and accuracy of the information submitted is the responsibility of the applicant.

The ABOI will not accept applications under the following circumstances:

- Application arrives past the posted due date
- Applications that are incomplete, without required signatures fees and supporting documents

If at any time during the application your contact information changes, it is your responsibility to contact the ABOI and update your file.

Examination Results

Examination results will be sent to the applicant within 90 days of the examination date. Results will be sent via US mail. ABOI will not provide information to third parties under any circumstances.

Appeal Mechanism

Candidates who fail either part of the examination may appeal this decision to the Board. Each appeal must be submitted in writing and must be received in the Board office within sixty (60) days after the examination results are mailed.

Disclaimer

The ABOI reserves the right to change certification and or application requirements and deadlines for future examinations. The ABOI Board may at its discretion, approve, or deny any candidate for certification who does not fully satisfy the certification route qualifications as set forth by the ABOI.