

ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS – PLEASE READ

QUESTION #6 - CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

- The Board of Registration in Medicine is enhancing the board certification information in our database to ensure that the information is as specific as possible.
- The Board would also like to acknowledge your accomplishment in completing the additional training and rigorous requirements for obtaining board certification and subspecialty certification and ensure that you receive the well-deserved recognition for your achievement.
- Board certification and subspecialty certifications are displayed on the Physician Profile on the Board’s website to provide consumers with specific information when seeking a physician with specialized training. Other physicians utilize this information when making a patient referral to a specialist.

Board Certification Definitions

Certifying Board - this is the name of the primary Board, i.e. Internal Medicine, Anesthesiology, Dermatology, Surgery, etc. that issued the general certificate of board certification. A physician may be certified by more than one primary board. Please indicate if the certifying board is ABMS or AOA.

General Certificates and Subspecialty Certificates – A General Certificate is issued by the certifying board after a candidate has successfully completed specialty training, passed examination(s) and met the board’s additional requirements for certification. A Subspecialty Certificate is awarded to a board certified physician who has had additional training, most often a “fellowship” in a subset of the general specialty, passes an examination and meets other general requirements for subspecialty certification.

For example, a candidate may complete the requirements for certification in internal medicine, which is the General Certificate, and then complete the additional requirements for a Subspecialty Certificate in Cardiovascular Disease. Please see the back of these instructions for additional information.

Question #6, “Current American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) or American Osteopathic Association (AOA) Certification” on the renewal application is preprinted with data from the Board’s database. Please make any additions or corrections using the Board Certification Definitions and the example below. If you need any assistance in completing question #6 on the renewal application, please contact the Board at (617) 654-9810.

Example for answering question #6 on the renewal application

6) Current American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) or American Osteopathic Association (AOA) Information. (See enclosed instructions and Renewal Instructions, page 4.)

List Certifying Board(s) below			Update General Certificates and Subspecialty Certificates below. Please add additional certifications as required.			
Board Name	ABMS	or AOA	Certificate/Subspecialty	Correct?	Delete?	
Internal Medicine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Internal Medicine	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cardiovascular Disease	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Enter the name of the certifying board and indicate whether ABMS or AOA

Check the “Correct” or “Delete” boxes for Certification information provided on the form. Then enter the name of any additional General Certificates or Subspecialty Certificates on the lines below.