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Policy on Reinstating Diplomate Status After Period of Clinical Inactivity or Suspension/Revocation of Certification

The ADBA has established an application process for previous Diplomates to regain their Certification when they have previously had their Diplomate status suspended or revoked or have been designated as Retired.

The ADBA, upon application for regaining Diplomate status, will consider each application on a case-by-case basis. The ADBA may require one or more of the following in order to attain full Diplomate status:

- Retake and pass the written examination
- Retake and pass the oral examination
- Complete additional training acceptable to the ADBA
- Complete other activities as requested by the ADBA

The ADBA recognizes that there are different venues of dental anesthesia practice that may impact the requirements necessary for return to full Diplomate status. For instance, a dentist anesthesiologist who is working in a hospital operating room or ambulatory surgery center with multiple anesthesia practitioners, may be able to provide anesthesia services with supervision for a period of time and Quality Assurance practices would be in place that would not be possible in the office environment. For those seeking to return to office-based practice, with limited to no supervision of clinical anesthesia activity by qualified anesthesia personnel, other methods of assuring clinical anesthetic competence would need to be provided. This would generally require a period of clinical activity within an accredited residency program until such time as the program director, or other designated individual acceptable to the ADBA, attests to the applicant's suitability to provide independent anesthesia services without supervision in an office-based setting. The ADBA may also determine that no additional examination or other activity is necessary for some absences from clinical practice.