

MyCME

AMERICAN BOARD OF SURGERY

MANDATED CME CONTENT REQUIREMENTS

CME Requirements At-A-Glance

Renewal Cycle:

Five-year CME cycle

Minimum CMEs:

- [Prior to completion of first ABS Continuous Certification Assessment: 150 Category 1 CME, a minimum of 50 of which must include self-assessment scored at 75% or higher.](#)
- [Following completion of first ABS Continuous Certification Assessment: 125 CME credits with no self-assessment required.](#)

CME Requirements Detail

As part of Continuous Certification, the ABS requires 150 credits of Category 1 CME over five years. The CME must be relevant to a surgeon's practice, or if clinically inactive, to the broad discipline of surgery. In addition, at least 50 of the 150 CME credits must include self-assessment: a question-and-answer exercise that assesses the surgeon's understanding of the material presented in the CME program. The activity must require a score of 75% or higher for the self-assessment to count. This requirement changes to 125 CME credits with no self-assessment required once diplomates pass the new assessment.

For diplomates who hold multiple ABS certificates, the continuous certification assessment must be completed for each certificate. Additionally, there is a discounted annual fee for diplomates who hold more than one ABS certificate (the annual fee is \$285 for continuous certification for one certificate, and then an additional \$150 for continuous certification for each additional certificate).

MOC/CC Program Link

[ABS Continuous Certification Requirements](#)

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