



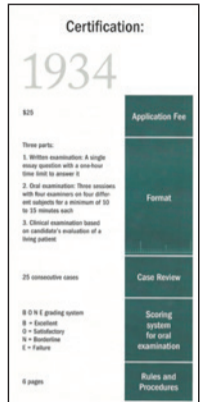
The American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery is established.



1934

The first Examination for Certification is administered and consists of three parts:

1. A clinical portion based upon the examination of the patient.
2. An oral examination conducted by a committee of three members of the Board.
3. A written examination consisting of a single essay question requiring a comprehensive answer to be completed in one hour.



The ABOS publishes formal requirements for certification which included rules on medical school, professionalism, society membership, instruction in orthopaedic surgery, practice of orthopaedic surgery, and knowledge of basic medical sciences.

1936

The ABOS divided the Certification Examination into two separate parts. Similar to the present, Part I was offered after completion of residency and Part II was available after passing Part I and after two years of orthopaedic practice.



The ABOS issued requirements for orthopaedic resident educational curriculum and lengths of rotations.

1944



The ABOS Part I Examination changed from a subjective essay to 150 multiple choice and true/false objective questions.

1962

There are approximately 8,000 ABOS Diplomates.

1974

Orthopaedic surgeons who become ABOS Board Certified are issued a time-limited (10-year) Certificate and are required to participate in the Recertification Program. Those who became ABOS Board Certified in 1985 and earlier had lifetime certification which the ABOS continues to recognize.

1986



Surgery of the Hand Certificate of Added Qualifications (CAQ)—later renamed Subspecialty Certification—is created.

1989

The ABOS Part II Oral Examination was modified to be based solely on a Candidate's own surgical cases and no longer include standardized cases.

1994

Orthopaedic Sports Medicine Subspecialty Certification is created.



2007

ABOS Web-Based Longitudinal Assessment (ABOS WLA) Pathway launches as a third Recertification Pathway, in addition to the Computer and Oral Recertification Examinations.

2019

ABOS Knowledge, Skills, and Behavior Program officially rolls out to residency programs.

2024



There are approximately **30K** ABOS DIPLOMATES

OF THOSE, THERE ARE ABOUT:

**2,700** Diplomates who hold Subspecialty Certification in Orthopaedic Sports Medicine

**2,300** who hold Subspecialty Certification in Surgery of the Hand

**36** Diplomates who hold both Subspecialty Certifications along with the primary ABOS Board Certification