

April 29, 2022

Kevin Williams, Director
Division of Materials Safety, Security, State, and Tribal Programs
Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Mr. Williams,

The American Osteopathic Board of Nuclear Medicine (AOBNM) is in receipt of your March 15, 2022 request to confirm that the AOBNM continues to satisfy the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) recognition criteria for specialty board certification processes. The AOBNM appreciates the inquiry and the opportunity to provide assurance to the NRC. Please find our response to your requests below.

- 1) Confirm the specialty board's current name:
American Osteopathic Board of Nuclear Medicine
- 2) Confirm the name of the specialty certification(s) or certificates:
Nuclear Medicine
- 3) Confirm that the specialty board still satisfies the board recognition criteria in 10 CFR 35.290, "Training for imaging and localization studies."
Confirmed – Diplomates that are certified by the American Osteopathic Board of Nuclear Medicine received appropriate training for imaging and localization studies as part of the requirement to successfully complete training and thus become Board certified through the AOBNM.
- 4) Confirm that there have been no changes in the board's certification procedures that could affect the recognition status:
On March 5, 2019, the AOBNM went into dormant status having determined that there was no longer interested/eligible candidates or Nuclear Medicine training programs to support the continuation of initial board certification in Nuclear Medicine. The board maintains an Osteopathic Continuous Certification (OCC or recertification) process for those physicians who became certified through AOBNM prior to March 5, 2019, but as of March 5, 2019, the board is no longer issuing new certificates.
- 5) Confirm that the enclosed certificates are current
Under the direction of the American Osteopathic Association's Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists (BOS), some minor formatting changes to the certificates took place with a change in printing vendors. Attached please find samples of AOBNM certificates that were issued between May 12, 2017 and March 5, 2019 reflecting the formatting changes.
In 2018, additional changes were made by the BOS that removed expiration dates and added a contingency line that "Ongoing certification is contingent upon meeting the requirements of Osteopathic Continuous Certification" to reflect the ongoing nature of Osteopathic Continuous Certification. Attached please find current samples of AOBNM certificates since September 20, 2018 for your records. These certificates would have been issued only to those that previously held board certification in AOBNM and were up for renewal through the OCC process. Please note that signatures from the BOS Chair and Vice Chair are present as there are no active AOBNM Board members.

Please let us know if you require any further information to maintain NRC recognition of the AOBNM certification processes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Catelyn Schwartz". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Catelyn Schwartz
Certification Director