

Reentry Pathway to AOA Certification for ACGME-Trained Osteopathic Family Physicians, Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine Physicians, Internal Medicine Physicians, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation Physicians, Emergency Medicine Physicians, and Pediatricians
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Step 1 A	
Candidate Applies to AOA for ACGME Residency Training Approval	
<p>AOA Ms. Maria Santiago American Osteopathic Association 142 E. Ontario Street Chicago, IL 60611 P: 800-621-1733 x 8276 msantiago@osteopathic.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit Application #3 if an AOA-approved internship was completed • Submit a letter from the ACGME-approved residency program verifying training start/end dates • If AOA staff cannot verify residency program via ACGME website, submit a letter confirming ACGME accreditation of the residency program • AOA membership dues is required annually, plus \$65 if certified by AOA

Step 2 A	
AOA Approves Training	
<i>NOTE: Step 2 A and Step 2 B may or may not take place simultaneously</i>	
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Trainee applied to their Specialty Board for board examination

Step 3 A	Candidate Takes Their Specialty Board Examination	Step 3 B Their Specialty Board Verifies Residency Program
<i>NOTE: Step 2 A and Step 2 B may or may not take place simultaneously</i>		
<p>Specialty Board (AOBFP, AOBNMM, AOBIM, AOBPMR, AOBPEM, AOBP)</p>	<p>Certification examination offered (check the specialty board website for dates). The Specialty Board issues a pass/fail letter to candidates following the exam.</p>	<p>The Specialty Board verifies the residency program. The Specialty Board also checks to see whether the candidate has passed the certification examination. The Specialty Board provides candidate with actual examination score and retroactive certification date.</p>

Step 4	AOA Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists Provides Final Approval
AOA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The AOA verifies that the candidate has been a member for two years. • The AOA verifies the residency training dates and training complete status.

Step 5	Certification! AOBFP Issues Certificate to Approved Candidate
Specialty Board (AOBFP, AOBNMM, AOBIM, AOBPMR, AOBPEM, AOBP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Specialty Board issues a numbered certificate