

## **ABOHNS Continuing Certification 2021 into the Future**



1. Part 1 will consist of an annual attestation of licensing and credentials, and a review of any adverse professional actions taken against the candidate. An annual fee will be paid.
2. Part 2 self-assessment will consist of 25 AMA category 1 credits annually.

### **AND EITHER**

- a. A participation standard of [CertLink participation](#) of  $\geq 30$  new items attempted in that year.

### **OR**

- b. 1 ACCME registered self-assessment activity annually. A list of those activities can be found at [www.cmefinder.org](http://www.cmefinder.org). One activity counts for one year, regardless of the number of credits/hours you receive.
3. Part 3 will consist of meeting the CertLink participation and performance standards before your current certification expiration date. The diplomate must complete 160 new questions (participation standard) in order to determine if the percent correct is above the performance standard. Forty new questions will be offered each year. A performance goal will be communicated annually to longitudinally track performance.
4. Part 4 is in development. More details will be communicated as they become available.
5. For those that do not meet the participation or performance standard for CertLink, there will be the opportunity to participate in a remediation pathway prior to loss of certification. More details will be communicated when available.

### **FOR PART 3**

#### **In order to honor all current certificate expiration dates and have consistent participation/performance standards:**

6. Those whose certification expires in 2021 through 2024 must meet the 2025 CertLink participation and performance standards. These diplomate's certificates will be extended until 2025 so long as they meet all other Continuing Certification criteria as outlined above.
7. Those whose certificates expire in 2025 through 2030 must meet the CertLink Performance standard determined for the year in which their certificate expires. Depending on the expiration year, these diplomates will have 5 years or more to complete the 160 items needed to determine if their percent correct is above the performance standard. ([see Table](#))
8. For certification renewal, the Continuing Certification process will change to an every 5-year cycle beginning the year in which the diplomate renews their certification starting in 2021.
9. All existing certificate expiration dates will be honored, including non-time limited certificates.
10. Those that obtain initial certification in 2021 will be the last group that are issued a 10-year certificate. Thus, beginning in 2031 all diplomates will be on a regular 5-year continuing certification cycle.