

BCD QUICK TIPS

- For important updates and information review the scrolling news announcements on the BCD homepage.
- Have a question about BCD? Check the FAQs page. If you can't find the answer go to the Contact Us page.
- Use the Help section (once you login) for search tips including wild card and advanced searches. See page two of this issue for a preview.
- For questions related to physician data displaying on BCD, contact 800-325-4177 ext. 4478597 OR email abms.feedback@elsevier.com

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Pediatrics Reverification Dates

In 2010 The American Board of Pediatrics (ABP) began reporting MOC status by using a reverification date for credentialing purposes. (See complete details in the March 2011 issue of *The Buzz* and in the BCD FAQs).

It has been brought to our attention that diplomates may be confused by the reverification date since that information is not reflected in their portfolio on the ABP website, which displays dates for their phase of the MOC cycle.

Although Maintenance of Certification does not have an end date, ABP has established an annual reverification date (February 15), to satisfy the credentialing standards requirement, as an end date for primary source verification (PSV). We are required to display that reverification date, which will be updated by ABP each year. The diplomates are notified in their certification letter that a reverification date is supplied for credentialing/PSV standards.

We have received the updated Pediatric records with a 2013 reverification date for those diplomates who are current in the MOC process, **including those with certificates that may have expired in December 2011**. Those who are not current may have been changed to Not Certified for the applicable certificate.

EXAMPLE:

American Board of Pediatrics
Certification (s):
Pediatrics 10/12/1994 -12/31/2001, 01/01/2002 – 12/31/2008, 01/01/2009 -12/31/2015
Subcertification (s):
Pediatric Emergency Medicine 11/12/1996-12/31/2003, 01/01/2004-12/31/2010, **MOC 01/01/2011— Reverification 02/15/2013**

OBGYN Certs Updated

The American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology sent updated records for time limited certifications that expired in December 2011.

All physicians with a certificate that expired December 2011 and who recertified will have an updated profile on BCD displaying current certification dates.

The updates include general certificates as well as sub-specialty certificates.

For future notices of updates from this board or other boards, read the scrolling messages on the home page of BCD frequently.

Print and cut along the dotted line to post these tips next to your computer.

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Easy Search Tips at Your Fingertips

The message, “no records to view” on the search results page, can be frustrating. Let us help you get the results you need by using these search tips.

- When **searching on multiple criteria**, please keep in mind that ALL of the search criteria you entered must match the information in each record exactly in order to be displayed in your search results. For **example**, searching on the last name of Reed and first name of Dan will **not** return the record of Daniel Reed.
- **Wildcard searches** can be useful when you are searching for one specific record. For **example**, you can search on the last name of Reed and first name of Da*. These search criteria will return the desired record of Daniel Reed.
- **If no records are returned** from your search, consider reducing the number of search fields used (since ALL populated fields must be in each profile to receive a match). In most cases, using fewer search fields will return more records. For **example**,

if you searched on city and state and no records were returned, search on only the state. If you searched on first and last name and the board, then try searching only on the last name and board.

For additional search tips, login to BCD and click on the **Help button**. You will find a list of various search related topics. In addition, you can contact the Editorial team if you are unable to obtain the results desired from your search.

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Resources available on BCD

If you are new to the credentialing business or simply need more information about ABMS and their 24 Member Boards, click the Resources tab on BCD.

The Resources page contains valuable information for your reference.

The **Approved Specialty Boards** link will open a new window with contact information for all 24 boards, including their websites.

The **Guide to Medical Specialties** lists all specialties and sub-specialties issued by each board with a description that includes the training required.

Click on the **State Licensing**

Boards link if you need to contact one of their offices.

The **Certificates Offered by Multiple Boards** chart is a quick reference to determine which boards offer the same certificates.

The **tables** featured at the bottom of the Resources page **contain statistical data** across all boards. The tables can be used for research purposes by certificate, board or even by geographic location. **Table 3** is useful when you need to reference the MOC requirements for a certain board.

The other documents on the Resources page are helpful for:

- background information about ABMS and their relationship with other organizations
- quick references for codes and abbreviations
- contact details for medical schools and national societies

Don't forget to review the Resources page the next time you need additional information on ABMS and their Member Boards.