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BCD Quick Tips:

We want your suggestions! Please take our **short survey** by clicking on the orange Feedback tabs on the BCD website. You can find the survey tabs on the right side of various pages covering Search features and Alerts.

Retired Status from some ABMS Member Boards Coming Soon

In Q4 we will get a new status (Retired) from ABMS for some diplomate profiles. BCD profiles will have that status displayed under the diplomate's name. The year the diplomate notified his/her board about their retirement will also be on the profile. Below is an example.

Last Name, First Name

Status: Retired Notified 2013

The Retired status was created in response to diplomates who have time limited certificates and then retire. The Retired status on those profiles helps explain that there wasn't a loss of certification, but it is a diplomate who is no longer practicing although still in good standing. Diplomates with an active time limited end date and Retired status should be considered certified until that end date expires.

Lifetime certificate holders can also have the new Retired status on their profile. They are still considered certified as well, but no longer practicing.

In the above examples it is also possible for the profile to include a NOT CERTIFIED status on one or more certificates. The Retired status applies to the diplomate, but may add another dimension to interpreting their certification status. .

AOA data removed — Licensed Docs still available

The American Osteopathic Association (AOA) decided to resume its policy that verification of osteopathic board certifications is only available directly from the American Osteopathic Information Association (AOIA). Therefore, effective August 3, 2019 the osteopathic data was removed from BoardCertifiedDocs.com.

To clear up some confusion about that change and Licensed Docs (companion to BCD) please review the details below.

- We did not increase the price of a BCD subscription when the AOA data was added, thus removing the data did not result in a price decrease for a BCD subscription.
- Profiles that previously included ABMS and AOA certifications still display as board certified profiles on BCD, but now display only the certifications from ABMS.
- Many of the profiles that previously had only AOA certifications now display on BCD as a Licensed Doc profile (if your organization has that feature). Those profiles will not display any certifications, but will include (when available from other sources): medical school graduation year, DO or MD designation, NPI and state license numbers.
- Licensed Docs can be added to any BoardCertifiedDocs.com subscription. Contact h.licensing@elsevier.com to inquire about pricing.

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