

## Certification

1. What can I put on my business card after I am certified?

You may have your business cards printed in the following manner:

“Diplomate of the American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians” or

“Certified in Family Medicine and Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment” or

“AOA Board Certified in Family Medicine and Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment”

2. Why are the CME requirements for the AOA cycle different from our requirements?

As a specialty board of the AOA we have the authority to stipulate additional CME credit hours for diplomates certified in family medicine. The AOA requires 120 applicable CME hours with at least 30 hours in Category 1A. The AOBFP requires **150** CME hours; the additional 30 hours can be in any category. At least 50 of the over 150 hours must be in family medicine. See the ‘Maintenance of Certification’ section on our website [www.aobfp.org](http://www.aobfp.org) for more details.

3. Can you send me a copy of my certificate?

No. We do not retain copies of certificates. When the certificates are engraved by the printer, they are also shipped by the printer directly to your address. If you require a new certificate, you may order a reissued original, engraved certificate by sending an email request to this office at [aobfp@aobfp.org](mailto:aobfp@aobfp.org). There will be a \$50.00 fee payable by credit card. Upon receipt of your email request we will confirm with you and initiate payment procedures. It will take approximately 6-8 weeks for your certificate to arrive. Please be sure to indicate the correct address to which you want your certificate shipped, and EXACTLY how you would like your name to read on the certificate.

4. How do I verify my certification status?

In order to verify your certification status, contact the Customer Resource Center at the AOA by calling 888-626-9262. In order to request a copy of your “Physician Profile”, which is primary source verification of your certification status, educational background and AOA membership status, please send an email to [credentials@AOAprofiles.org](mailto:credentials@AOAprofiles.org).

5. What organizations do I need to be a member of to maintain certification?

You are required to be a member of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) to maintain your certification. In order to confirm your membership in the AOA, contact their Membership Department at 888-626-9262.