



# ABPS Orthopedic Surgery Certification Application

Before beginning your application, [Click here](#) to review the eligibility requirements.

Below is a list of the documentation you must upload as part of your certification application.

Required for all eligibility pathways:

- Current/Up-to-date CV
- Photo of Applicant
- National Practitioner Databank Report (NPDB) Report
- Two (2) letters of recommendation from Diplomates of an ABPS, ABMS, AOA, or RCPS board of certification. Letters must be signed and dated within the 12-month period just prior to submission of certification application.
- Documentation verifying active staff privileges for a minimum of 18 consecutive months (post-residency/fellowship training) in a SINGLE accredited institution.
- Documentation verifying performance of a minimum of 100 orthopedic surgical procedures as PRIMARY surgeon in the 12-month period preceding the certification application submission. Verification consists of a list of all procedures and a letter from a hospital administrator attesting to the validity of the list.

In addition to the above, documentation required for individual eligibility pathways:

- Foreign OS Residency/Academic Pathway:
  - (i) Documentation of satisfactory completion of an orthopedic surgery residency outside the U.S. or Canada verified by the Program Director / institution, and
  - (ii) A letter from the applicant's current Department Chair or Program Director verifying the resident teaching experience.