ABPN Fee Structure

Annual Fees for Continuing Certification
Instead of a single fee at the time of the Continuing Certification examination, participants in the ABPN Continuing Certification (CC) Program pay an annual fee.

The current annual fee is $175 and is non-refundable. Payments are made online in the Physician Portal account ‘Annual Fee’ section.

For diplomates with multiple certifications, the fees are distributed over an annual basis instead of an additional lump sum examination fee paid per certification at the time of each exam administration.

CC Program* – 2024 Annual Fees
$175 one certification
$240 two certifications
$310 three+ certifications

*The CC Program began in 2012

The current ABPN $175 CC fees are approximately 43 percent below the average of other ABMS boards. See the chart* below to compare.

*Data taken from the ABMS Member Board Fee Summary table
Annual fees cover either assessment pathway (Article Based Continuing Certification (ABCC) pathway or Examination pathway) for all active certifications in the Continuing Certification (CC) Program.

Annual fees include development and administration of both CC assessment pathways, reporting of Board certification status, access to personalized Physician Portal account with customized CC tracker, ongoing credentialing, and verification of certification. Diplomates will no longer be required to submit a traditional recertification application and payment provided their certification(s) remain active.

**Initial Certification Fees**

ABPN has lowered initial certification fees by 54 percent since 2007, and these fees are approximately 31 percent below the average of other ABMS boards. See the chart below for more information. The cost of an initial certification exam fee is $1,945 and is non-refundable. Payments are made online in the Physician Portal account at the time of application.

**ABPN Initial Certification Fees by year**

The ABPN initial certification examination fees remain in the bottom half of the 24 ABMS Member Boards. The current examination fee is $1,945 and candidates are offered the option of selecting a split payment when submitting the applications. This fee covers the cost of the examination and credentialing due to ongoing board eligibility requirements.