



American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, Inc.

A Member Board of the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS)

Revocation of Certificates

The Board has the authority to revoke or inactivate any certificate issued by it for cause. Revocation of a certificate is not the same as the ABPN declaring a certificate invalid. (See policy on Invalidation of Certificates).

The policy of the ABPN is to ensure that it considers all Diplomates against whom the ABPN takes action to revoke or inactivate a certificate on a consistent and non-discriminatory basis and affords them with due process.

No certificate shall be revoked or inactivated without the Diplomate being given (i) prior written notice of the intent to revoke or inactivate; (ii) prior written notice of the grounds for revocation or inactivation; and (iii) the availability of a due process procedure allowing the Diplomate the opportunity to respond to and/or refute the basis of revocation or inactivation, however, any Diplomate shall not have the right to be present (in-person or virtually) to any revocation or inactivation hearing or final determination. Written notices shall be sent to the last known address of the Diplomate.

An individual whose certificate has been revoked or inactivated (i) is prohibited from using “American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology”, “ABPN”, “Diplomate, American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology”, “Diplomate, ABPN”, “Board Certified” or any other combination of words, terms or action that may be construed as or imply that he or she is a Diplomate of the Board in any of its specialties or subspecialties; (ii) must immediately surrender to the Board all Board certificates and copies thereof; (iii) must cease using any indicia of Board certification, whether personally, in his or her practice, as promotion or as advertisement.

Once an individual whose certificate(s) was revoked remedies the situation leading to revocation entirely, he or she may request from the Board the opportunity to re-attain certification. The Board shall have the sole power and discretion to determine whether an individual whose certificate(s) was revoked: (i) shall be granted the opportunity to reattain certification; (ii) when the individual may initiate the process to re-attain certification; and (iii) the manner, process, terms and conditions by which certification may be re-attained (which may include, among other things, re-applying and sitting for examinations and/or meeting current maintenance of certification requirements). In all events, if an individual successfully re-attains his or her Diplomate status, the type of certificate(s) issued (e.g., time-limited) will be the same as certificates then being issued by the Board, irrespective of the type of certificate previously revoked (e.g., lifetime certificates).