



## Policy on Use of Certificates and Board-certified Logo

### BACKGROUND

One of the core purposes of the American Board of Emergency Medicine (ABEM) is to grant and issue to qualified physicians, certificates and other recognition of special knowledge and skills in Emergency Medicine and approved ABEM subspecialties and Focused Practice designations.

### POLICY

#### Certificates

All certificates issued by ABEM remain the property of ABEM and are subject to the following:

All certificates and recognitions of attaining a Focused Practice designation issued by ABEM are subject to the bylaws of ABEM, and to any rules and regulations adopted by ABEM. Certificates issued by ABEM shall be in a form that complies with the Articles of Incorporation, dated with the date of issuance, signed by the President and the Secretary-Treasurer, include the official seal, and state that the holder of the certificate or recognition has satisfactorily met the requirements for Emergency Medicine certification or continuing certification; subspecialty certification, recertification, or continuing certification; or a recognition of attaining a Focused Practice designation as determined by ABEM.

#### ABEM Board-certified Logo

Certified physicians may download a special ABEM logo image for use on printed and electronically displayed materials to show board-certified status. Use of the logo is subject to the following:

- The user must be a physician currently certified by ABEM in general Emergency Medicine and/or a subspecialty
- Physicians must only use the logo for the purpose of educating the public about certification and to display that they are certified by ABEM
- Physicians must immediately stop using the logo if their certification lapses for any reason
- Users must not make any changes to the logo
- ABEM remains the exclusive owner of the logo

### PROCEDURES

ABEM-certified physicians are notified when their certificates are being mailed. If a physician does not receive his/her certificate he/she must notify ABEM within two months after the mail date to have the certificate reissued at no additional charge. Physicians who notify ABEM of failure to receive a certificate beyond two months after the mail date will be charged the standard certificate replacement fee.

If a physician's certificate is lost or destroyed, or the physician's name has changed and he/she wants a certificate with the new name, ABEM will issue a replacement certificate upon written request and justification. The certificate replacement fee must accompany the request. Reissued certificates will indicate that they are replacement certificates.

ABEM-certified physicians who wish to download the ABEM Board-certified logo may sign in to their ABEM portal account and select “Promote Your Certification” from the left navigation bar. They will be required to attest to compliance with this policy and can then download the logo.

**EXCEPTION**

None

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