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Board of Certification/Accreditation, International (BOC) Reciprocity Policy

Subject to the terms and requirements of this policy, BOC shall grant Orthotist, BOC-Certified™ (BOCO®); Prosthetist, BOC-Certified™ (BOCP®); BOC Pedorthist™ (BOCPD™); Certified Orthotic Fitter™ (COF®); and Certified Mastectomy Fitter™ (CMF®) certification to applicants who can sufficiently demonstrate current corresponding certification credentialing organizations or agencies whose credentialing standards have been determined by the BOC Board of Directors to be at least equivalent to the certification standards established by BOC for BOCO, BOCP, BOCPD, COF or CMF certifications. Applicants who satisfy the applicable requirements set forth below shall be eligible to receive BOCO, BOCP, BOCPD, COF or CMF certification, without having to satisfy the standard BOC certification requirements. This policy shall be in effect as of July 15, 2011.

1. Eligible Credentials/Eligibility Requirements for Reciprocity. To be eligible for reciprocity, an applicant must hold one of the following, eligible credentials identified below, whose corresponding credentialing standards have been determined by the BOC Board of Directors to be at least equivalent to BOCO, BOCP, BOCPD, COF or CMF certification standards. In addition, the applicant holding the eligible credentials must be in good standing with the applicable credentialing body, and satisfy the reciprocity requirements applicable to the eligible credentials, as set forth below.
 - a. Certification by the American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics, Pedorthics, Orthotic Fitters and/or Mastectomy Fitters. An applicant who is currently certified as an Orthotist, Prosthetist, Pedorthist, Orthotic Fitter and/or Mastectomy Fitter by the American Board for Certification in Orthotics, Prosthetics, Pedorthics, Orthotic Fitting and/or Mastectomy Fitting (ABC) shall be eligible to receive the appropriate, corresponding BOC certification(s) upon satisfaction of all applicable reciprocity requirements and procedures set forth in this policy, which shall include the requirement that the applicant provide sufficient proof of current corresponding ABC certification, which must take the form of a true and accurate copy of a current, valid certificate, issued by ABC, which identifies the applicant as having received Orthotist, Prosthetist, Pedorthist, Orthotic Fitter or Mastectomy Fitter certification by ABC.
2. BOC Code of Ethics and Policy Compliance. Applicants for reciprocity must comply with the Code of Ethics, and other applicable BOC policies, in order to be eligible.
3. Reciprocity Application Procedures. In order to obtain reciprocity, the applicant must submit the following:
 - a. The appropriate BOC Reciprocity Application Form, completed by the applicant;
 - b. A true and accurate copy of a current, valid certificate or license, issued by the appropriate credentialing body, which identifies the applicant as a holder of a credential eligible for reciprocity under the terms of this policy; and,
 - c. Payment of an administrative fee of: \$275, in the case of applications for reciprocity to BOCO or BOCP certifications; \$275, in the case of applications for reciprocity to both BOCO and BOCP certifications; \$195, in the case of applications for reciprocity to BOCPD certifications; \$125, in the case of applications for reciprocity to COF certifications; and \$50, in the case of applications for reciprocity to CMF certifications.

4. Rights Reserved. BOC reserves the sole and exclusive right to: (a) determine whether the credentials and credentialing standards of a public or private credentialing body are eligible for reciprocity under this policy, based on an independent evaluation of the credentialing program under BOC certification standards; (b) determine whether the documents submitted by an applicant for reciprocity satisfy the documentation requirements set forth in this policy; and, (c) verify the accuracy of the information contained in all submitted documentation, and the good standing of the reciprocity applicant. In order to verify information provided by a certificant, BOC may contact any appropriate information source, including individuals or organizations referred to in the documentation.