

About Board Certification

When it comes to your smile, you deserve the best possible care. When choosing a dental professional, it is important to consider whether a general dentist or a dental specialist is more appropriate. Choosing an orthodontist certified by the [American Board of Orthodontics](#) (ABO) means your treatment is in the hands of a proven specialist. Many dental professionals can provide orthodontic treatment, but an ABO-Board Certified orthodontist has taken extra steps to specialize in the treatment you are seeking.

A Trusted Mark of Excellence

ABO is partnered with the American Association of Orthodontists and is recognized by the National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards as the national certifying board for Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics.

ABO's mission is to elevate the quality of orthodontic care for the public by promoting excellence through continuing education and professional collaboration.

What it Means to Be ABO-Board Certified

Certification goes beyond basic training. It is a voluntary, rigorous process that reflects an orthodontist's advanced clinical skills, in-depth knowledge of the field, and ongoing commitment to quality care.

ABO-Board Certified orthodontists have:

- Completed a CODA-accredited orthodontic program.
- Passed ABO written and clinical examinations.
- Committed to renewing certification every 10 years.

This ensures they stay current with the latest standards and innovations in orthodontics.

Why It Matters to You

Choosing an ABO-Board Certified orthodontist means you're working with a specialist who is:

- Focused on excellence, clinical expertise, and ongoing education.
- Dedicated to the highest standard of care in diagnosis, treatment, and follow-up. Passed ABO written and clinical examinations.
- Trained in handling complex cases using up-to-date techniques.
- Verified by the national leader in orthodontic standards.

Look for the Seal



The ABO seal is your sign that an orthodontic specialist committed to excellence, patient safety, and lifelong learning.



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