

SUMMARY OF RESPONSES - O and P TESTING INQUIRY  
 BOARD OF CERTIFICATION INTERNATIONAL (BOC)  
 AMERICAN BOARD FOR CERTIFICATION IN ORTHOTICS PROSTHETICS AND PEDORTHICS (ABC)

When Did Organization adopt NCOPE standards?		
date	7/25/2011	<p>Until 1991 the approval process for O&amp;P educational requirements was a part of ABC's purview. Since that time NCOPE has overseen the accreditation and approval of educational programs. ABC has always required an accredited O&amp;P educational program as a part of its eligibility criteria.</p> <p>Educational Timeline and Movement to Master's Level for O&amp;P provided; 1993 ABC Board minutes document adoption of NCOPE residency replacing then-existing 1900 hour residency standard</p>
reference	Meeting Minutes - "Insofar as BOC's Orthotist and Prosthetist educational eligibility criteria will be aligned with NCOPE's as of 1/1/2013, I move that BOC will make the necessary changes to align its other certification educational eligibility with NCOPE's, effective 1/1/2012. Any resulting changes will be publicized and any candidates who apply by 12/31/2011 will be "grandfathered in" to the requirements in place on their application date" New O&P requirements will take effect January 1, 2013 per what has been termed "The Historic Agreement."	

When was current test for certification adopted?		
date	2009	<p>"The ABC certification examinations for orthotist and prosthetist have included some form of written and practical tests since the 1950's. In 1992 the Written Simulation examination was added as a requirement for certification. In <b>2006</b> the Written and Written Simulation exams transitioned to being administered via a computer based testing (CBT) format." "The current examinations for Orthotist and Prosthetist are based on Standard setting exercises completed in <b>2009</b> and <b>2010</b>."</p> <p>Ref: Attached memos from Professional Examination Services (PES).</p>
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Practice Analysis or Job Analysis		
title	Job Analysis of the Certified Orthotist; Job Analysis of the Certified Prosthetist	<p>"the Practice Analysis of Certified Practitioners in the Disciplines of Orthotics and Prosthetics (Appendix C). This analysis was completed in 2006 and published in 2007. ABC conducts a practical analysis every five to seven years for each credential we offer."</p> <p style="text-align: right;">2006-2007</p>
date	June 2011	

External entity review for NCOPE objectives?		
entity	"There is no entity charged with this task. NCOPE's standards are educational in nature. Testing is the responsibility of the participating party."	<p>"The National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) ... accredits ABC's credentialing programs. NCCA's criteria for the accreditation of credentialing programs relates to standards for examination administration consistency and validity." and also: "PES assists the subject matter experts that sit on our examination committees with statistical analysis, validation activities, individual exam item analysis and standard setting for establishing the passing points for all of our exams. The exam committees meet twice a year to approve the new form of the Written and Written Simulation exams ... review statistical data from candidate performance on individual exam items, develop new exam items for all of the exams and perform any revisions on existing items based on data from candidate performance."</p> <p>The ABC O&amp;P practitioner programs were reaccredited with NCCA on September 10, 2007. "Our accreditation expired on August 31, 2012 and is currently undergoing the review process for reaccreditation for another five years." Ref: NCCA letter.</p>
reference	N/A	

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