

MEMORANDUM

TO: Programs with Osteopathic Recognition

FROM: Tiffany Moss, MBA
Executive Director, Osteopathic Accreditation

DATE: April 27, 2021

RE: Waiver for the Board Certification Qualification

The Osteopathic Principles Committee is aware that board-eligible physicians have experienced delays in becoming board certified due to COVID-19-related issues. To ensure that otherwise qualified new Directors of Osteopathic Education, core osteopathic faculty members, and osteopathic faculty members can fulfill the responsibilities for which they were hired, the Committee will permit programs to apply for a waiver to the following Osteopathic Recognition requirements (effective July 1, 2018) related to board certification: I.A.1.a).(2); I.B.2.; and I.C.2.a). Waiver requests will be reviewed by the Committee on an ad hoc basis. Waivers can be granted through July 1, 2022.

To request a waiver, the program director or Director of Osteopathic Education must submit a letter stating the following:

- Name of physician
- Position the physician will hold (Director of Osteopathic Education, core osteopathic faculty member, osteopathic faculty member)
- Brief description of the physician's qualifications to hold the indicated position
- Reason the physician has been unable to complete all or some of the certification exam parts
- Physician's plan for completion of all or remaining certification exam parts

The following must be appended to the letter:

- *All requests:* Documentation the physician is board-eligible through an American Osteopathic Association Certifying Board or American Board of Medical Specialties Member Board
- *Requests for Directors of Osteopathic Education only:* Documentation of a passing score on the written portion of the exam.

Email the waiver request to Executive Director Tiffany Moss:
tmoss@acgme.org.