



General Provisions Concerning Certification

1. The American Board of Forensic Odontology, Inc. (ABFO) reserves the right to deny certification.
2. Certificates granted and issued by the ABFO may be suspended or revoked for any of the following reasons:
 - a. Misstatement, misrepresentation, concealment or omission of a material fact or facts in an application or any other communication to the ABFO or its representative(s).
 - b. Conviction of a felony by a court of competent authority or of any crime involving, in the judgment of the Board of Directors, moral turpitude.
 - c. Issuance of a certificate contrary to or in violation of any of the laws, standards, rules or regulations governing the ABFO and/or its certification procedures at the time of issuance, or determination that the person certified was not in fact eligible to receive such certificate at the time of issuance.
 - d. Unethical conduct or any other conduct, which, in the judgment of the ABFO, brings the specialty of Forensic Odontology into disrepute.
 - e. For non-payment of annual dues, fees or other assessments imposed by the ABFO.
 - f. Failure to recertify every five (5) years.
3. Action to suspend or revoke a certificate may be taken only after thirty (30) days' notice of the charges or reasons for such action has been given to the individual concerned and an opportunity has been provided for such a person to be heard as outlined in the laws, standards, rules, or regulations of the ABFO.
4. Applicants who are denied certification may appeal the decision to the Board of Directors, in writing, within twenty (20) days following the issue date of such notification.
5. Persons holding a valid, unrevoked Certificate of Proficiency in Forensic Odontology issued by the ABFO are entitled to use the following designations:
 - a. Diplomate of the American Board of Forensic Odontology
 - b. DABFO, or
 - c. Diplomate ABFO.
6. A Certificate of Proficiency in Forensic Odontology is valid for a period of five (5) consecutive years and may be renewed in accordance with the recertification program, procedures, standards, laws, rules and regulations established by the ABFO.

7. Certificates issued by the ABFO are not transferable. They remain the property of the ABFO. Every person to whom a certificate has been properly issued shall be entitled to its continued possession unless and until such certificate is revoked.
8. All correspondence to and from applicants should be sent via email to the Chair of the Certification and Examination Committee.

Signature of Applicant _____