



NCCAOM Announcement to Diplomates

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Dear NCCAOM Diplomat,

We at NCCAOM understand the difficult situation we are facing right now: the COVID—19 pandemic and the ongoing scourge of systemic racism. The NCCAOM has joined in the worldwide outpouring of grief and anger in the wake of George Floyd’s murder at the hands of Minneapolis Police.

NCCAOM is very clear in its response to these protests: We stand in solidarity with protestors across the United States as they speak out against police brutality and stand up for lost lives. At our [June 3 NCCAOM/ASA Town Hall meeting](#), we held a moment of silence for those who lost their lives due to racial injustice and also released our [joint statement with the ASA](#).

Like so many witnesses around the world, we grieve for Mr. Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and many others who came before them. As we watch these events unfold across the United States and tear apart the communities and neighborhoods where we live, we acknowledge a shared and profound sense of loss and pain.

COVID-19 Update

The NCCAOM recognizes that disruptions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic pose many professional challenges and uncertainties within the AOM community. While advocacy and government relations efforts continue, the NCCAOM has shifted its focus keeping Diplomates informed and supported. Below is a highlight of some of these activities:

Through December 31, 2020 the NCCAOM is offering a 90-day grace period to all Diplomates who’s NCCAOM Certification is expiring this year. Anyone who cannot recertify by their expiration date due to financial or health difficulties may have an additional 90-days from the certification expiration date to recertify without any late fees or extra PDA points required.

The NCCAOM is also working in partnership with the [American Society of Acupuncturists \(ASA\)](#) to keep Diplomates informed with weekly [Town Halls](#) since April 1, 2020. Diplomates will receive helpful information along with 2 PDA points for attending each live presentation. Town Halls to date have addressed economic relief, reopening after COVID-19, insurance, liability and more. To register for the latest Town Hall meeting [click here](#). Each Diplomat must be logged in using their own registration link to be eligible to receive the NCCAOM PDA points. To help Diplomates access the live Town Halls, replays, and the helpful resources shared in the presentations the NCCAOM has created the [COVID-19](#)



[Resources webpage](#). Here you will find many [Helpful Resources](#) including a map of the latest State COVID-19 regulations, a [COVID-19 Patient Consent Form](#), Government Resources, CARES Act info, a guide of free webinars, COVID-19 Mask Resources, Reopening Guidelines, and updates for all NCCAOM stakeholders. NCCAOM and ASA have also partnered together to answer many of your questions during and after the Town Hall meetings. You will find these FAQs in the Town Hall section of our COVID-19 resources.

The NCCAOM has also implemented measures to streamline the NCCAOM recertification process for Diplomates by implementing a uniform PDA Certificate distribution system. Effective May 1, 2020, certificates of completion for all PDA approved courses taken after May 1, have a new rebranded uniform look; and PDA/CEU points for approved courses are automatically recorded on each Diplomate's Recertification Transcript. The PDA/CEU reporting portion of this automation is being implemented on a Provider-by-Provider basis and is planned to be completed by the end of this year.

To ensure proper certificate distribution and CE reporting processes, please make sure that:

- During your course registration you provide your legal First and Last Name exactly as it is reflected in your [NCCAOM Online Certification Portal](#).
- During your course registration, you provide your NCCAOM ID # (numbers only). The NCCAOM ID # consists of 3 – 6 digits and does not contain any characters or letters. You can locate your NCCAOM ID# on your Wall Certificate or Wallet Size ID card, in your [NCCAOM Online Certification Portal](#) or in [NCCAOM Registry](#) by looking yourself up.
- Confirm all your certificates of completion for courses taken after May 1, 2020 have the new re-branded look as old certificates will be no longer accepted. [Click here for a new certificate sample](#).

The New NCCAOM Time-limited Reinstatement Route is now open to all former NCCAOM Diplomates whose certification is terminated. If only one of your certifications is terminated, this is a good time to bring it back to active status. The new Reinstatement route only requires submission of PDA/CEU credits (no exam is required) to regain NCCAOM active Certification and you can use CEUs obtained for state licensure towards this route. [Click here for details](#).

Sincerely,

National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine