



		NCCAOM Exam Retake Policy			
		Eligible Groups Failed Exam(s) a Minimum of 5-Times¹			
		Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
		-Open NCCAOM Application (First Apply) -All exams passed are valid ²	- NCCAOM Application Expired -All exams passed are valid ² at the time of re-application	- NCCAOM Application Expired -Denied more than 12 years ago -Holds a free and clear active State license -Is actively practicing (employed)	- NCCAOM Application Expired -Denied more than 12 years ago -Is not currently in an accredited AOM education degree program and is not licensed to practice.
Application Requirements	Step 1: Submit Request for Each 3 Additional Attempts	X	X	X	X
	Reapply for Certification and Meet All Certification Requirements		X	X	X
	Submit a copy of a free and clear active state Acupuncture license held for 4 consecutive years immediately prior to NCCAOM reapplication and supporting documentation of actively practicing.			X	
	Retake All Expired Passed Exams	X	X		X
Wait Time Between Exams	90 Calendar Days Wait Between Each Exam Attempt After 5 Failed Attempts Through 8 Failed Attempts	X	X	X	X
	180 Calendar Days Wait Between Each Failed Exam After 8 Failed Attempts	X	X	X	X
Additional Education Requirements	Provide proof of 45 hours additional education (formal or continuing education or tutoring) ³ after 5 failed attempts and 8 failed attempts.	X	X	X	
	Provide proof of 120 hours additional education (formal or continuing education or tutoring) ⁴ after 5 failed attempts and 8 failed attempts.				X
	Provide proof of 60 hours additional education (formal or continuing education or tutoring) ³ for each three (3) additional exam attempts when failing 11 or more times.	X	X	X	
	Provide proof of 1-year formal acupuncture/herbal education documentation (635 hours on a formal transcript or a 1-year apprenticeship meeting all NCCAOM Apprenticeship Route qualifications and documentation requirements for five (5) additional exam attempts when failed 11 times .				X

Clarification Details - Education Required

NCCAOM encourages applicants to obtain additional education/training

It is the applicants responsibility to check each state's licensure requirements for exam attempt limits.

¹ Candidates are initially allowed a total of five (5) attempts to successfully pass an examination (all formats and/or languages inclusive).

² NCCAOM Board Exams 'Passed' are valid for 12 years from the date taken.

³ All 45 or 60 hours (as applicable) of additional required education must be earned in the failed domain area(s) and taken within 1-year prior to the submission of the NCCAOM Request for Additional Exam Attempts Form.

⁴ 45 hours of the additional 120 hours of education must be earned in the failed domain area(s) and 75 hours of the additional 120 hours of education must be taken in any other (not failed domain) core exam areas. All 120 hours must be taken within 1-year prior to the submission of the NCCAOM Request for Additional Exam Attempts Form.