

## NATIONAL COMMISSION ON RECOGNITION OF DENTAL SPECIALTIES AND CERTIFYING BOARDS

### RECOGNITION STATUS DEFINITIONS

**Recognition:** A recognition classification granted to a sponsoring organization or certifying board indicating that both the sponsoring organization and certifying board have achieved recognition and continue to meet the *Requirements for Recognition of Dental Specialties and National Certifying Boards for Dental Specialists* and the National Commissions policies.

**Recognition with reporting requirements:** A recognition classification granted to organizations indicating that specific deficiencies or weaknesses exist in one or more of the *Requirements for Recognition of Dental Specialties and National Certifying Boards for Dental Specialists* and/or the National Commissions policies. Evidence of compliance must be demonstrated within a timeframe not to exceed twelve (12) months. If the deficiencies are not corrected within the specified time period, the recognition status will change to intent to withdraw and will finally be withdrawn, unless the Commission extends the period for achieving compliance for good cause. Identification of new deficiencies during the reporting time period will not result in a modification of the specified deadline for compliance with prior deficiencies.

**Initial Recognition** is the recognition classification granted to any sponsoring organization which has not yet had a certifying board with a close working relationship recognized by the National Commission. This recognition classification provides evidence that, at the time of granting specialty recognition, it is the expectation of the National Commission that an application for recognition will be submitted by a certifying board that has a close working relationship with the sponsoring organization within one (1) year of the sponsoring organizations' recognition.

**Discontinued:** An action taken by the National Commission to affirm a sponsoring organization or certifying boards reported discontinuance of participation in the National Commission's recognition program.

**Recognition, with reporting requirements, intent to withdraw:** A formal warning issued by the National Commission to notify a recognized sponsoring organization or certifying board and the communities of interest that the organization's recognition will be withdrawn within six months if compliance with *Requirements for Recognition of Dental Specialties and National Certifying Boards for Dental Specialists* or policies cannot be demonstrated by a specified date. The warning is usually for a six-month period, unless the Commission extends for good cause.

**Withdraw:** An action taken by the Commission when a sponsoring organization or certifying board has been unable to demonstrate compliance with the *Requirements for Recognition of Dental Specialties and National Certifying Boards for Dental Specialists* or policies within the time period specified. A final action to withdraw recognition is communicated to the organization and announced to the communities of interest. A statement summarizing the reasons for the Commission's decision and comments, if any, that the affected organization has made with regard to this decision, is available upon request from the Commission office. Upon withdrawal of recognition by the Commission, the organization is no longer recognized by the National Commission. Withdrawal of recognition is considered an adverse action.

**Denial:** An action by the Commission that denies recognition to a sponsoring organization or certifying board that has applied for recognition based on the *Requirements for Recognition of Dental Specialties and National Certifying Boards for Dental Specialists*. Reasons for the denial is provided to the applicant organization. Denial of recognition is considered an adverse action.

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