

Certificate of Added Qualifications (CAQ) in Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine

To be eligible to receive the CAQ certification from the American Osteopathic Association through this Board, the applicant must meet the following minimum requirements:

- Have graduated from an AOA accredited college of osteopathic medicine.
- Have satisfactorily completed a one-year AOA approved internship.
- Have satisfactorily completed a one-year AOA approved hyperbaric medicine residency/fellowship or completed a clinical pathway consisting of completion of a 40 hour basic course in Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine and a two-year period of time in which he or she spent a minimum of 25% of his or her time in the practice of Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine. Documentation of supervision of at least **500 treatments** (with a distribution across the 13 treatment indications in proportion to the frequency with which they are encountered at the institution). (The clinical pathway option for certification will expire on December 31, 2013, after which only the residency/fellowship option will be allowed).
- Be and remain a member, in good standing, of the American Osteopathic Association or the Canadian Osteopathic Association.
- Hold primary board certification from a participating certifying board of the Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists (BOS).
- Hold a wholly unrestricted valid state license to practice osteopathic medicine.
- Those who wish to sit for the CAQ examination must formally apply. A CAQ application form is available on the AOBPM website or can be requested from AOBPM staff.

CAQ certificates are time-limited to 10 (ten) years only. Those with a CAQ must reapply to sit for the examination. This is not a recertification process, but a requirement to sit again for primary CAQ certification.