



ABP's New Qualifying Examination and Oral Certifying Examination

Qualifying Examination

The ABP Qualifying Examination (QE) is a criterion-referenced written assessment developed through the collaborative efforts of ABP directors and psychometric experts. This computer-based exam is administered at regional testing centers and is designed to evaluate the knowledge of qualified candidates in the core principles of prosthodontics.

Oral Certifying Examination

The ABP Oral Certifying Examination (OCE) is an oral-based assessment designed to evaluate a candidate's clinically relevant knowledge and judgment in prosthodontics. This examination comprises open-ended questions that thoroughly assess the candidate's expertise and clinical reasoning. To be eligible for the OCE, candidates must first successfully complete the Qualifying Examination (QE), which establishes a foundational level of competence. Additionally, candidates must have completed formal training in prosthodontics before they can attempt the OCE, ensuring they are well-prepared for this rigorous assessment.

Pathways to Certification

Class of 2027 and Beyond

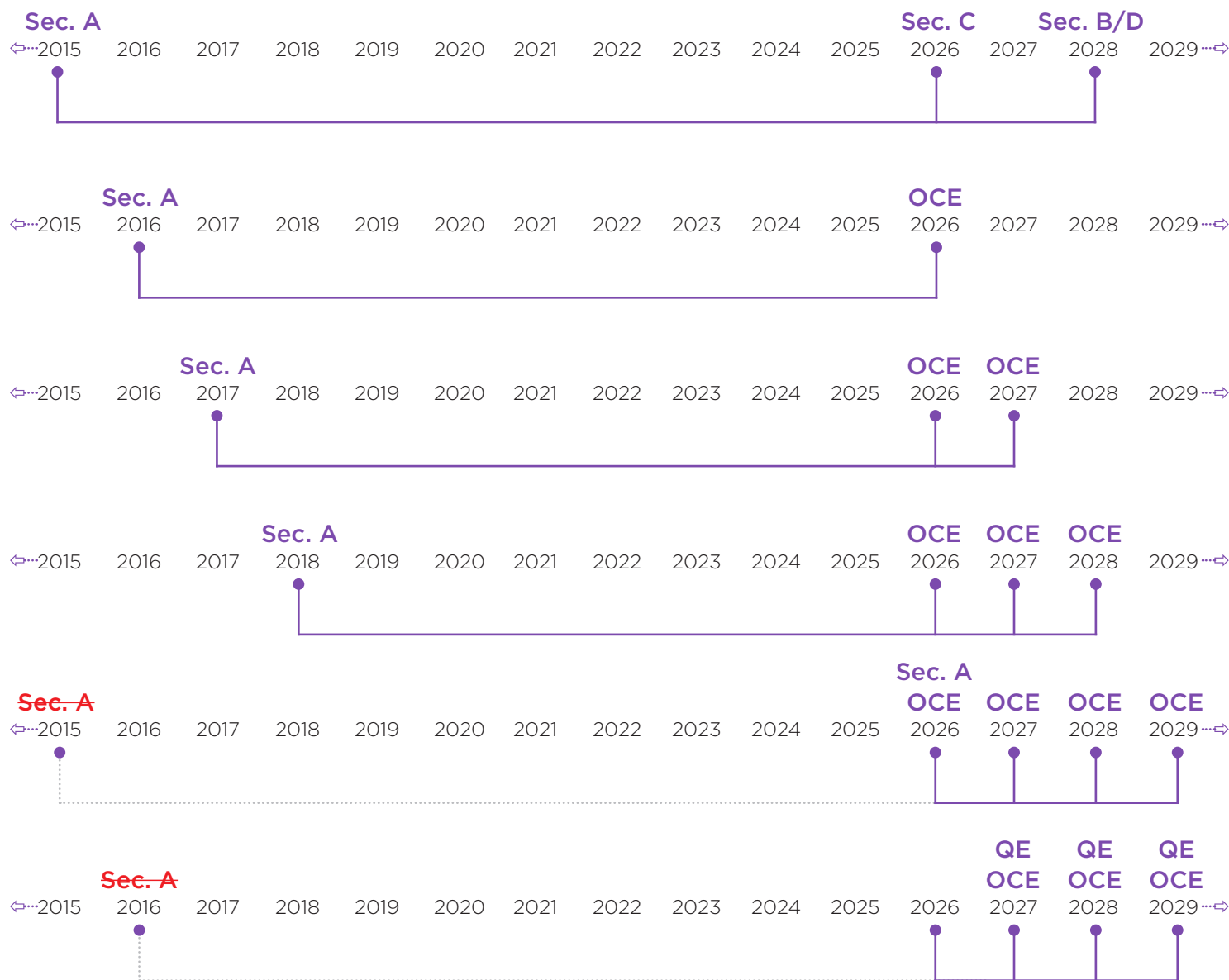


Class of 2026



Pathways to Certification (continued)

Prosthodontists



TIMELINES

- Last Section A offering in 2026 (exam window is March 30 to April 2)
- Last Section C offering in October 2026
- Last Section B and D offering in October 2028
- First Qualifying Examination offering in April 2027
- Limited release of the Oral Certifying Examination in April and October 2026
- Full release of the Oral Certifying Examination in April 2027