

LEAD NEWSLETTER FOR DIPLOMATES

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LEAD Quarter 3 Now Open

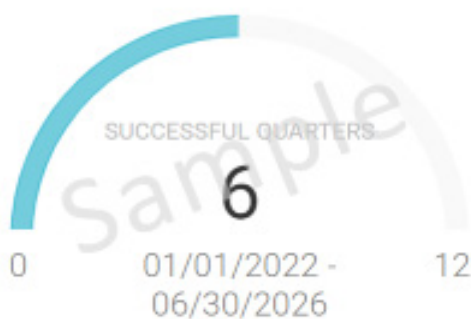
Cycle 1

Cycle 2

A **new quarter of LEAD** is available now through December 31. The quarter contains 30 questions, and you will have three minutes to answer each question.

Do I need to participate in this quarter?

Participation in the current quarter may or may not be necessary depending on your remaining participation requirements or current LEAD performance. Track your requirements on your LEAD dashboard to determine if you need to participate in a given quarter.



[Start Quarter 3](#)

How to Renew Your Certification



In early-July of your board certification expiration year, ABFAS will verify that you have met minimum LEAD participation and performance requirements. If met, ABFAS will renew your certificate for ten years, and you will receive an updated certificate label for your framed certificate, indicating that your ABFAS Board Certification is valid for an additional 10-year period.

Please note: Diplomates who hold lifetime certification do not need to meet the LEAD performance requirement.

What happens after I renew my certification?

You will start a new 5-year LEAD cycle and will need to complete a minimum of 12 quarters within the following 5-year period.

[View Program Requirements](#)

The Evolution of a LEAD Question



“Inspiration for new LEAD questions may come from a writer’s personal practice, grand rounds at hospitals, or conferences. They look for learning concepts that encapsulate a Diplomate’s real-world experience and are supported by current and relevant journal articles, surgical texts, or updated guidelines.”

In a **recent article**, ABFAS Director of Examinations Chris Lundeen expands upon the comprehensive process that goes into developing questions for the LEAD program.

[Read Article](#)

Featured FAQ: LEAD Question Feedback



Question: How do I provide feedback on a LEAD question I answered?

Answer: To share feedback with ABFAS about a specific LEAD question, click the “Submit Feedback” button at the bottom of each question page, below the “Explanation and References” section. Enter your feedback in the text box that appears and click the “Send” button when you’re done.

You can also send LEAD feedback directly to lead@abfas.org.

[See All LEAD FAQs](#)



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