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**To:** ["David Laszakovits"](#)  
**Cc:** [Howe, Donna-Beth](#); [Dimmick, Lisa](#); [Einberg, Christian](#); [Valerie Jackson](#)  
**Subject:** RE: ABR Certificate Issue  
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Good Afternoon David,

The final information that was submitted to us on May 17<sup>th</sup> addressed to Ms. Andrea Kock with your revised certificates and the information submitted to Donna-Beth and I on May 31<sup>st</sup> (after resolving some of the formatting issues that we had with the pdf files) did not include the certificates that we are just now seeing, which is why we do not currently have them on our website.

Also, if you take a look at the certificates that Dr. Jackson sent to us on February 22<sup>nd</sup> (see attached e-mail), you will notice that those certificates say "Effective January 1, 2019", and they do not match the effective dates in the accompanying letter from that submission. Those effective dates (see below) however, now match the dates on the certificates that both you and Dr. Jackson provided to us this week, on August 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.

- Diagnostic Radiology Certificates Issued October 2018 – Present
- Radiation Oncology Certificates Issued May 2019 – Present
- Diagnostic Medical Physics Certificates Issued May 2019 – Present
- Therapeutic Medical Physics Certificates Issued May 2019 – Present
- Nuclear Medical Physics Certificates Issued May 2019 – Present

Your letter dated February 22<sup>nd</sup> also confirmed that the information submitted by the ABR to the NRC for recognition for all of the proposed revised certificates provided a complete description of your board certification process and that the process has not changed for all of your specialty board programs. Because we have conformation that your program did not change, we can begin the process of placing these certificates on our web site.

Regards,

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Not a problem at all, Maryann,

Let me see if I can help bring it all together. Below is the sequence of events and when we provided certificate examples.

February 22, 2019: Dr. Jackson sent an email responding to question #2 in your 2/21/2019 email to her. That email included certificates examples, which are on pages 11, 13, 24, 25 and 26 of the attached document.

May 17, 2019: I responded to Ms. Kock as requested with answers to question #1 in your 2/21/2019 email. This email included certificate examples, for the "2012 Forward" timeframe. However, I did not include the examples that Dr. Jackson had provided in her 2/22/2019 response.

August 12, 2019: I responded to your request to Dr. Jackson on August 5. This email included certificate examples (the attached document) related to all the communications this year since there seemed to be confusion.

Let me know if you have any other questions or need further clarification. I'm happy to help however I can.

Best,  
David

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Hello David,

Thank you for following up on this. Please see attached for e-mails we received from you for what was submitted as updated certificates on 5/17/19 and 05/31/19. The attached file you sent today and yesterday does not appear to be what we received. The e-mail from 05/31/19 is the final certificate we received and approved and have posted on our website.

Regards,

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Hi Maryann,

I'm not sure when Dr. Jackson will be able to respond due to international travel, so I'll jump in here.

The certificate that you've link and provided in the certificate sample (pg. 9 from the document you attached) was issued through September 2018. Since Dr. Mao was certified in October 2018, she received a different certificate iteration. Dr. Jackson provided a sample of that certificate in her email yesterday (see pg. 11 from that document, which I've also attached). This matches what Dr. Mao has provided.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need anything else.

Best,  
David

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Hello Dr. Jackson,

I apologize for sending an incorrect link. The correct link (<https://www.nrc.gov/docs/ML1916/ML19165A076.pdf>) is for the Diagnostic Radiology certificates (it is the same as the certificate you submitted to us on 5/17/19). But it still does not match that of Dr. Mao. I have attached a copy of Dr. Mao's certificate as well as the new certificate that you submitted on May 17<sup>th</sup> with the highlighted sections that are different from Dr. Mao's certificate.

Please look at the two certificates in your e-mail from today and you will see that they do not match.

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Dear Maryann,

I am perplexed about this situation. The link you provided below goes to an example that we have repeatedly told you is incorrect, and has never been correct. We have provided you with the current certificates and thought you had approved them. Once again, I am attaching our 5/17/19 response

and the scanned certificates from 2012 to present, with “Not Valid” stamps. As you can see, the current DR certificates match Dr Mao’s certificate. In answer to your questions in your last paragraph, the ABR has *not* issued any incorrect certificates, nor have we replaced any certificates (because we haven’t issued any that were incorrect). The ABR has only issued one type of certificate per specialty in any specific period of time in our history. Again, we can’t identify the origin of the ABR “certificate” you have on your website, as it is not a correct ABR certificate.

I will be away at meetings for the next two weeks. In preparation for our call on August 28, please send me all of the questions you have about our IR/DR and nuclear radiology AU-E requests by Friday, August 23, 2019 so that I have adequate time to prepare when I return.

Thank you.

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Hello Dr. Jackson,

Our regional office recently received an ABR 2018 certificate for Diagnostic Radiology (see attached) that does not match the new certificate that we recently approved (on our website – <https://www.nrc.gov/docs/ML1232/ML12328A161.pdf>). It appears to be the same certificate that was submitted to the NRC when I sent an e-mail to you in February (see e-mail correspondence attached) regarding the certificate being different from what we had on our website. Our understanding was that the certificates you recently provided to us for recognition and to have updated on our website were the same certificates that the ABR has issued to its eligible applicants since the time the ABR made changes, so we are not sure why we are still receiving certificates that are different from what you provided to us. Attached is the Diagnostic Radiology certificate that was received for Dr. Mao.

Since the ABR provided us with the revised certificates, have you informed past certificate

recipients that received incorrect certificates of the change or have you replaced any past recipient certificates? If so, can you share this information? Can the ABR explain why there were two different types of certificates being issued?

Regards,

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