



2027 BCBA Requirements

Changes to BCBA certification eligibility and maintenance have been outlined in three BACB Newsletters over the past three years: [March 2022](#), [September 2023](#), and [March 2025](#). This document provides a high-level summary of the requirements, including key changes that will take effect on January 1, 2027. Beginning in 2027, individuals applying for or maintaining BCBA certification must also meet all other relevant requirements described in the [BCBA Certificant Handbook](#).

2027 Eligibility Requirements

Beginning January 1, 2027,* individuals may apply for BCBA certification through one of two pathways:

Overview of Eligibility Pathways		
	Pathway 1: Accredited or Recognized Program	Pathway 2: Behavior-Analytic Coursework
Degree	Master's degree or higher from an APBA-accredited program or an ABAI-accredited or recognized behavior analysis degree program (ABAI Tier 1, 2a, or 2b)	Master's degree or higher
Behavior-analytic content		Behavior-analytic coursework
Fieldwork	Practical fieldwork in applied behavior analysis	Practical fieldwork in applied behavior analysis

Pathway 1



Degree

You must have obtained:

- a master's degree while the program was accredited by [APBA](#); **OR**
- a master's or doctoral degree earned in 2015 or later from a program that was [accredited](#) or recognized by the [ABAI under Tier 1, 2a, or 2b](#).

For example, your degree would meet this degree requirement if you earned a master's or doctoral degree in 2018 from a program that was accredited from 2016 to 2022.

Supervised Fieldwork

You must complete supervised fieldwork in applied behavior analysis. You may accrue fieldwork hours under one or both of the following fieldwork types: (a) Supervised Fieldwork or (b) Concentrated Supervised Fieldwork. The following table provides a general overview of the fieldwork requirements; however, your fieldwork must also meet all additional requirements outlined in the [Supervised Fieldwork Requirements](#) section of the BCBA Handbook.

*Please stay up to date on the [Recent & Upcoming Changes to BACB Requirements](#) for changes to requirements that will go into effect after 2027, such as the 2032 removal of pathway 2 for BCBA certification.

