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The Board is a non-profit organization incorporated in the District of Columbia. It is recognized by the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Society of Forensic Toxicologists, California Association of Toxicologists, Canadian Society of Forensic Science and Southwestern Association of Toxicologists. The Board is composed of officers and other directors, who serve staggered terms and are selected from the Diplomates at large by a Nominating Committee process.

The ABFT is accredited by the Forensic Specialties Accreditation Board (FSAB).

The Mission of the ABFT

Forensic toxicology encompasses the measurement of alcohol, drugs and other toxic substances in biological specimens and interpretation of such results in a medicolegal context. The purpose of the American Board of Forensic Toxicology is to establish and enhance voluntary standards for the practice of forensic toxicology and for the examination and recognition of scientists and laboratories providing forensic toxicology services.

Certification of Forensic Toxicologists

The objective of the Board is to establish, enhance, and revise as necessary, standards of qualification for individuals who practice forensic toxicology, and to certify as qualified those voluntary applicants who comply with the requirements of the Board. In this way, the Board aims to establish a practical and equitable system of readily identifying individuals who possess the requisite qualifications and competence in forensic toxicology.

Certification is based upon the candidates personal and professional record of education and training, experience, achievement, and a formal written examination.

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Laboratory Accreditation

The objective of the Board is to establish, enhance, and maintain standards of qualification for those laboratories that practice Postmortem Forensic Toxicology or Human Performance Toxicology, and to accredit as qualified laboratories those applicants who comply with the requirements of the Board. In this way, the Board aims to establish a practical and equitable system of readily identifying laboratories who have demonstrated the requisite qualifications and competence in forensic toxicology.

Accreditation is based upon compliance with professional standards, as assessed by peer review, including an on-site inspection, and successful achievement in one or more proficiency testing programs recognized by the Board.

- ABFT Accredited Laboratories

ABFT Continuing Education Program

On January 1, 2004, the Board established a continuing education requirement.

- Annual Submission Form for 2005
- Annual Submission Form for 2006 <new>

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CODE OF ETHICS

The process of certification of Diplomates and Forensic Toxicology Specialists has always required a minimum of three references from peers, who testify to the moral and ethical behavior of the applicant. However, in February 2000 the ABFT drafted and adopted a Code of Ethics of its own. The ABFT is in the process of sending that Code to all its certificants. All new applicants will have to agree in writing to abide by that Code, as will all subsequent applicants for recertification starting with the 2001 cycle.

GUIDE TO ETHICS


The American Board of Forensic Toxicology expects all persons holding a Certificate of Qualification from this Board to maintain the good moral character, high integrity, good repute, and high ethical and professional standing which are initial and continuing qualifications for recognition by this Board, and to conform to the following principles of ethical conduct:

- Conduct themselves with honesty and integrity at all times.
- Perform all professional activities in Forensic Toxicology with honesty and integrity, and refrain from any knowing misrepresentation of their professional qualifications, knowledge and competence, evidence and results of examinations, or other material facts.
- Hold in proper confidence all information obtained or received in the course of their professional practice, and refrain from misuse of any such information.
- Strive to be aware of and alert to any actual or potential conflicts of interest, and strive to avoid or appropriately resolve any such conflicts.
- Maintain and enhance their qualifications and competence for the practice of Forensic Toxicology, to the best of their ability.
- Act in accordance with the long-standing precepts for ethical practice of the profession of Forensic Toxicology, and refrain from any action or activity, which would tend to bring disrepute upon or otherwise harm the profession of Forensic Toxicology or the American Board of Forensic Toxicology.

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