

# Board-certification verification checklist (free PDF)

Use official sources to confirm a cosmetic surgeon's board certification, active license, and professional standing before you book a self-pay consultation.



This checklist is designed to help you verify credentials using public, official sources and keep your planning organized. ClariSurge is a free matching service, not a medical provider, and this guide is for planning purposes only.

## Start with the surgeon's exact identity

- Write down the surgeon's full name exactly as listed on the practice website, including middle initial if shown.
- Note the city, state, and practice name so you can match the right person in official databases.
- Look for the surgeon's specialty as stated by the practice and save a screenshot for your records.
- If the name is common, confirm whether the practice lists medical school, residency, or a professional profile to help you identify the correct doctor.
- Create a simple comparison sheet with columns for name, location, specialty, board status, license status, and source link.



## Verify board certification through the official board

- Check whether the surgeon names a certifying board and write down the exact board name, not a shortened version.
- Go to the official website of that board and use its physician lookup or certification verification tool.
- Confirm the surgeon appears under the same full name and location you collected.
- Verify the certification status shown and note whether the board lists the certification as current or active if that information is provided.
- Save the verification date, the webpage link, and a screenshot or PDF for your planning file.
- If the website does not clearly confirm status, contact the board directly using the contact information on the board's official site and ask how to verify certification.



## Confirm the medical license is active and in good standing

- Search the physician on the official medical board website for the state where the surgery would take place.
- Confirm the license is active and note the license number exactly as listed.

- Check whether the state board profile shows any public disciplinary actions, restrictions, or license limitations.
- Review the issue date and expiration date if available, and save them in your checklist.
- If the surgeon practices in more than one state, verify each active state license separately through that state's official board website.
- Keep copies of the source pages so you can compare information later if anything changes.



## **Cross-check professional affiliations and facility details**

- Review whether the surgeon lists memberships or affiliations with professional organizations and note the exact names.
- Use each organization's official directory, if available, to confirm the surgeon is currently listed.
- Check the practice website for the surgical facility name and location if procedures are performed outside a hospital.
- Verify the facility through the official accrediting or licensing source named by the practice, if one is provided.
- Make sure the names, city, and specialty details are consistent across the practice site, board site, and state license site.
- Flag any mismatch in spelling, specialty, location, or status for follow-up before scheduling.



## Use a simple follow-up checklist before booking

- If anything is unclear, ask the practice for the surgeon's exact board name, certification status, and state license number.
- Request links to the official verification sources rather than relying on marketing language alone.
- Write down who you spoke with, the date, and what was confirmed so your records stay organized.
- Pause if you cannot verify the board certification or active license through official sources.
- Compare at least two surgeons using the same checklist so you can review credentials side by side.
- Keep your inquiry focused on planning details and contact information only when using a matching service like ClariSurge.



## Next step

Taking a few minutes to verify credentials through official sources can make your self-pay cosmetic surgery planning feel more clear and organized. If you want help narrowing your options, ClariSurge

can connect you with a free consultation match to a board-certified surgeon.

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