# Advanced Life Support in Obstetrics (ALSO®) Status Life Cycle

### **ALSO Status**

#### 3-year status

Successfully complete an ALSO Course.

Maintain status by either attending an ALSO course or ALSO Instructor Course prior to expiration date in their account and on their wallet card.

Status will expire if the above requirment is not met.

### ALSO Instructor Candidate Status

### 1-year status

Successfully complete an ALSO Instructor Course.

Teach in an ALSO or BLSO Course within one year of the Instructor Course, while being evaluated by an Advisory Faculty. If recommended, status changes to Approved Instructor in the candidate's account and on their new wallet card. Status will expire if not

recommended within a

year of their Instructor

Course.

### ALSO Approved Instructor Status

### 3-year status Maintain status by

meeting these requirments **prior to expiration date:** 

1) Teach at least two times at an ALSO or BLSO Course
2) Complete the Online
Instructor Renewal Course (new edition every three years).
If requirements are met, status renews in their account ON the expiration date printed on their current wallet card. An updated wallet card will be in their account the following day.
If requirements are not met, attending an ALSO and ALSO Instructor Course will be necessary to regain the status.

## ALSO Advisory Faculty Status

Status expires or renews in tandem with the Approved Instructor status.

Approved Instructors complete the Advisory Faculty Application, provide CV, and letter of interest to Sponsor. Then, they are evaluated while serving as a Course Director, by an Advisory Faculty. If recommended, status changes to Advisory Faculty in their account and on their new wallet card.

Individuals are responsible for maintaining their own status.

Status Wallet Cards (with start and expiration dates) are available in your AAFP Transcript/Account:

AAFP Members: <a href="https://aafp.org/mycme">https://aafp.org/mycme</a>

AAFP Non-Members: <a href="https://aafp.org/cmecertificate">https://aafp.org/cmecertificate</a>

Visit Wallet Cards and Letters of Participation for further information.

### KNOW YOUR STATUS PERIOD AND RENEWAL DATE

### **Approved Instructor Requirement Tracking in AAFP Accounts**

- 1) Find wallet card with start and expiration date. Located under your last teaching entry.
- 2) Find at least two 'Teaching: ALSO Course' entries\* between your start and expiration dates.
- 3) Find Instructor Renewal Course Letter of Participation between your start and expiration dates.

Your status will RENEW three years on the expiration date printed on your wallet card.

Your status will EXPIRE if requirments are not met by your expiration date. Life Cycle begins again.

\*Only courses in the **United States** and the territories of **Guam and Puerto Rico** are tracked by the AAFP. Learners and Instructors of these courses will find their ALSO Course History, Status Wallet Card, Letter of Participation and CME in their AAFP Accounts.

#### **Candidate Recommendations**

If candidates are recommended for Approved Instructor or Advisory Faculty, the sponsor must indicate this by checking 'Recommend' in the column next to the candidate's name on the course dashboard. This recommendation must happen and be indicated on the course dashboard in which the candidate was observed, prior to submitting to AAFP.

All candidate paperwork must be kept on file with the Sponsor for two years. Please do not provide to the AAFP.

To learn more about sponsoring an ALSO Course and faculty roles, please visit: ALSO Course Sponsor Guidelines

To find out more about the ALSO program, please visit www.aafp.org/also. Find upcoming courses on the AAFP CME Search page.