

AAFP CME REQUIREMENTS and REPORTING

Requirements for Membership

American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Active members must complete a re-election cycle every three years to maintain membership. The cycle consists of earning at least 150 credits of approved CME, including a minimum of 75 Prescribed credits (some chapters require additional specific credits).

Your re-election cycle begins on January 1 of the year following the activation of your membership and lasts for three full calendar years. If you are a new member, you can also earn CME for the year in which your membership is activated and apply these credits toward your first re-election cycle. This gives you additional time to earn the required credits during your first cycle.

CME Reporting with Primary+®

Primary+ is the AAFP's members-only centralized resource for your CME and professional portfolio. Use it to report CME, log procedures, and keep up with state licensing requirements. When you report your CME to the AAFP, we track it and then share your credit information with the American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM), employers, hospitals, and other organizations at your request. When you have met the ABFM's CME requirement, the AAFP will automatically notify the Board. The AAFP's CME reporting service takes care of it for you.

Access your CME transcript anytime at www.aafp.org/mycme.

Five Easy Ways to Report CME

1. Visit www.aafp.org/mycme.
2. Call (800) 274-2237 (Monday–Friday 8 a.m.–5 p.m. CT).
3. Fax (913) 906-6075.*
4. Mail to AAFP Member Resource Center, 11400 Tomahawk Creek Parkway, Leawood, KS 66211-2672.*
5. Use the CME Reporting feature in the AAFP mobile app. Scan certificates of participation into the app to search for CME activities.
6. Complete AAFP-produced self-study programs and the online post-test.
AAFP self-study CME (i.e., *AFP*, *FPM*, *FP Essentials*) requires the successful completion of an assessment or quiz for the credit to be earned. The CME credit is added to your transcript on the date the assessment/quiz is successfully completed.

*Send your completed CME reporting form or certificate of participation.

Did you know?

There are many FREE CME activities offered by the AAFP at www.aafp.org/cme.

Third-year family medicine residents can begin reporting CME on January 1 in the year they complete their residency. It's like getting an extra year to earn and report CME for the first re-election cycle.

Types of Credit

Prescribed Credits include:

- Advanced Training (completing a fellowship)
- Teaching[†] (instruction of health professions learners in formal individual or live educational formats)
- Scholarly Activity (participation in a research study)
- ABFM or AOA Board Certification Exam Prep
- Most Life Support courses (ALSO, ACLS, ATLS, BLS, NALS, PALS, etc.)
- CME produced by the AAFP including *AFP* and *FPM* journals, and Free Online CME products.
- AAFP chapter produced CME
- CME produced by other providers who have been approved for Prescribed credit.

Elective Credits include activities approved for the American Medical Association Physician's Recognition Award Category 1 Credit™ or American Osteopathic Association credit, or Professional Enrichment (attending medical staff or medical society meetings).

Other activities that may be eligible for Prescribed or Elective CME credit include medical seminars or conferences, lecture series, advanced training, scholarly work such as clinical research, or medical writing or editing. (There may be limits on the number of credits from these types of activities applied to each re-election cycle.)

[†]A maximum of 60 Prescribed credits can be applied during a three-year re-election cycle for teaching.



Get the credit you deserve

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