

CME FAQ's

Q. What are the CME requirements of the AOA?

A. AOA members are required to obtain 120 credit hours in a three-year cycle, with at least 30 hours in Category 1-A. The remaining 90 hours may be obtained in CME designated as Category 1-A, 1-B, 2-A, or 2-B. Osteopathic board certified physicians must earn at least 50 of their total 120 hours in their primary specialty.

Q. I recently completed my residency or fellowship. How does this affect my AOA CME requirement?

A. AOA members are exempt from the CME requirement while in a postdoctoral training program. Upon completion of the training program, the CME requirement will be prorated based on the end date of the program.

Q. How can I obtain AOA Category 1-A credit?

A. Category 1-A credit may be earned by attending formal, face-to-face osteopathic programs sponsored by AOA-Accredited Category 1 CME Sponsors. For a listing of upcoming programs that are eligible for Category 1-A credit, please refer to The DO under the section "Coming Events" or see the Calendar at www.do-online.org.

Q. May I earn credit for osteopathic preceptoring?

A. Physicians serving as preceptors in any AOA approved osteopathic medical education program may earn AOA Category 1-B credit. A maximum of 60 hours of Category 1-B for preceptoring may be applied to the 120-hour AOA CME requirement.

Q. How can I check my CME status or obtain a copy of my CME report?

A. AOA members may view their CME reports after logging in on www.do-online.org or may contact the CME department at 800-621-1773 ext. 8262. CME reports are available to AOA members only, and there is no fee.

Q. When are CME Activity Reports mailed?

A. CME Activity Reports will no longer be mailed en masse but are available at any time upon request.

Q. How should CME credit be reported to the AOA?

A. For CME activities sponsored by an AOA-Accredited Category 1 CME Sponsor, it is the responsibility of the sponsor to report all CME credit. For non-osteopathic-sponsored CME activities, it is the responsibility of the physician to provide documentation to the AOA. A certificate of attendance or a letter of verification from the CME sponsor must be provided. Please include your AOA number with any CME submission.

Q. What is my CME requirement for state licensure?

A. CME requirements for state licensure differ between states. Please contact the appropriate state licensing board for more information. For a list of state licensing boards' phone numbers, log in to your DO-Online profile and visit the State Government section of the site. State licensure requirements are also provided as a service of the Online CME Center in DO-Online. After logging in, click the link to the Online CME Center. Then click the My CME Profile tab. Follow the links in the "Browse Licensure Requirements" section for osteopathic physicians.

Q. Where can I obtain CME forms for reporting CME credit to the AOA?

A. CME forms for reporting credit may be found on [DO-Online](#).

Q. Where can I obtain a copy of the CME Guide for Osteopathic Physicians?

A. The CME Guide may be found on [DO-Online](#).

Q. Does the AOA grant CME credit for allopathic-sponsored programs?

A. CME programs sponsored through organizations that are ACCME-Accredited or AAFP-Approved are eligible for AOA Category 2 CME credit.

Q. What are the mailing address and fax number for reporting CME activities?

A. American Osteopathic Association
Division of CME
142 E Ontario St.
Chicago, IL 60611-2864
Fax: 312-202-8202 ATTN: CME

Q. How is CME credit awarded?

A. CME is generally awarded on a credit per hour basis. However, physicians may earn ½ credit hour per issue for studying medical periodicals or tapes, and may earn 5 hours per book for reading medical textbooks.

For additional information, you may contact the following CME staff at 1-800-621-1773:

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