



American Board of Adolescent Psychiatry

Recertification and Continuing Certification Activities (CCA)

Policy and Procedures

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INTRODUCTION: The American Board of Adolescent Psychiatry requires a clear policy and procedures regarding Continuing Certification Activities (CCA) due to the past inconsistent application of CCA standards and collection of fees.

Diplomates have the opportunity to recertify at the time their initial 10-year certification expires as well as every 5 years thereafter, assuming they have met all Continuing Certification Activities (CCA) requirements listed below. Additionally, at the time of recertification, Diplomates pay a recertification fee and will submit a clinical evaluation and summary along with their recertification application to be eligible for recertification. Any Diplomat who does not recertify within 6 months of expiration will have their certification inactivated and to reactivate it, will need to re-apply and pass the certification examination unless extenuating circumstances are presented on appeal to the ABAP Board.

POLICY: ABAP requires all actively certified Diplomates to comply with Continuing Certification Activities (CCA) policy and adhere to the procedures to remain actively certified. This allows ABAP to verify to any outside authority or inquiry that ABAP Diplomates are in good standing. Active Diplomates who have not fulfilled their CCA requirements will not be eligible for recertification.

PROCEDURES

The American Board of Adolescent Psychiatry allows Diplomates to maintain their certification through the following 2 options:

1. **Option 1: Annual Continuing Education:** For each year of ABAP certification (excluding the partial year of certification after initially passing the certification examination), Diplomates must attend and submit proof of the equivalent of 10 hours of Category I CME per year specific to child and/or adolescent/young adult psychiatry. For Diplomates completing their initial 10-year certification, this would be **100 hours**. For those completing their subsequent 5-year recertification periods, this would be **50 hours**. **It does not matter when during the period that the credits accrue, if they are both relevant to clinical child, adolescent, and young adult psychiatry and completed during the required certification period.**

Diplomates are urged, but not required, to submit their CME documentation for review and acceptance via the ABAP website each 1-2 years to assure that they do not run short at the time they recertify due to unacceptable CME. **The monitoring of this CME process is entirely the responsibility of each Diplomate and from 7-1-22 forward, ABAP will not routinely remind Diplomates to submit their CME.** Failure to obtain and submit the required CME at the time of recertification will result in the Diplomate taking the Recertification Examination (see below).

2. **Option 2: Recertification Examination:** Diplomates who do not wish to submit or have not completed the required CME documentation in Option 1 above must pass a recertification examination before they are able to recertify. The recertification examination is a 50-75-question, online examination completed after submission of the recertification application at the time of recertification.

3. Fees:

- a. **Annual Fees:** The annual CCA fee ended 1-1-22. For those who have paid annual fees during their current certification period through 2021 will receive a credit towards their recertification fee at the time of recertification.
- b. **Recertification Fee:** At the time of recertification, Diplomates pay a fee that covers the cost of Option 1 CME review and approval or Option 2 Recertification Examination, application and credentials review, and clinical case report review and grading. The current fee is set by the ABAP Board annually and is posted on the ABAP Website.
- c. **Recertification Fee Discount for Active members of The American Society for Adolescent Psychiatry (ASAP):** This benefit expired on 12-31-21.