

**STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE
STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC
CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION**

**CME REQUIREMENTS FOR
PERFUSIONIST LICENSE**

In order to renew a license, all licensees must be in compliance with the Board's continuing education requirements for the biennial renewal period, which runs from January 1 of the odd year through December 31 of the next even year.

- **EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015**, Per Act 31 of 2014, two (2) hours of Board-approved continuing education in child abuse recognition and reporting requirements must be completed for renewal or reactivation of a license. Details and a list of Board-approved providers can be found at www.dos.pa.gov. Verification of completion must be sent electronically and directly from the course provider. It may take up to 7 days for the provider to submit the records to the Board's office.
- Thirty (30) credit hours of continuing medical education applicable to the practice of perfusion is required for perfusionists.
- Ten (10) of those credit hours must be completed in Category 1 activities.
- Credit will not be granted for courses in office management.

The following are guidelines established by the Board for CME:

Category 1 credits may be earned by:

- Attendance at an ABCP-approved perfusion meeting. Proof of attendance consists of a certified record issued by the provider, including:
 - a. Name of licensee
 - b. Name of course provider
 - c. Date of the course
 - d. Name of the course
 - e. Number of credit hours earned
- Publication of a perfusion-related book, chapter, or paper in a professional publication. Five (5) credits may be earned for each publication.
- Presentation at an ABCP-approved or international, national, regional, state, or local perfusion meeting. Five (5) continuing education credits may be earned for each presentation. Two (2) credits may be earned for each poster presentation or exhibit.
- Completion of an ABCP knowledge base survey. Five (5) continuing education hours may be earned per biennial period.

As of December 24, 2020, Governor Wolf granted the Department of State's request to suspend the restrictions on distance-learning for continuing education requirements for Perfusionists. For the 2022 biennial renewal, licensees may take classes online or participate in distance-learning opportunities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Non-Category 1 credits may be earned by:

- Reading or viewing medical journals, audio-visual, or other educational materials. One (1) credit may be earned for each material read or viewed with a maximum of ten (10) credits biennially.
- Participation in perfusion-related self-study modules or electronic forums. One (1) continuing education credit may be earned for each 50- to 60- minute period of activity with a maximum of ten (10) credits biennially.

- Participation in a journal club. One (1) credit may be earned for each 50 to 60 minute period of activity with a maximum of ten (10) credits biennially.
- Completion of a science or healthcare-related academic course at a regionally accredited college or university. One (1) credit may be earned biennially.
- Presentation of a perfusion topic at a meeting that is not approved by ABCP. One (1) credit may be earned biennially.
- Working as a clinical or didactic instructor in an accredited school of perfusion. Two (2) credits may be earned for teaching a single course with a maximum of four (4) credits biennially.
- Participation in a site visitor's workshop or as an official site visitor for perfusion program accreditation. Five (5) credits maximum may be earned and counted for credit once in a biennial period.

Documentation of Non-Category 1 credits must include:

- a. Activity title
- b. Subject of content area
- c. Date(s) of participation (i.e., month/day/year)
- d. Number of credits claimed

The following exemptions of the continuing medical education requirement may apply for certain perfusionists:

- A perfusionist applying for licensure in this Commonwealth for the first time shall be exempt from the continuing medical education requirement for the biennial renewal period in which initial licensure is acquired.
- A perfusionist holding a temporary graduate or provisional license within the renewal cycle shall be exempt from the continuing medical education requirement.
- A perfusionist who is on **inactive status** shall be exempt from the continuing medical education requirement.
- A physician who is seeking to reinstate an inactive or lapsed license shall show proof of compliance with the continuing education requirement for the preceding renewal period.

Waiver of the CME requirements may be permitted as follows:

- The board may grant a hardship waiver of all or a part of the continuing medical education requirement in cases of serious illness, military service or other good cause provided that the public's safety and welfare will not be jeopardized by the granting of the waiver.
- A request for waiver must be made in writing, with appropriate supporting documentation, and include a description of circumstances sufficient to show why compliance is impossible.
- Waiver requests will be evaluated by the board on a case-by-case basis. The Board will send written notification of its approval or denial of a waiver request.
- **The waiver request should be submitted to the Board 90 days prior to the end of the biennial renewal period for which the waiver is being sought.**

For additional information regarding continuing education course providers, the following websites may be helpful:

American Board of Cardiovascular Perfusion (ABCP) www.abcp.org

Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) www.caahep.org

Additional information regarding continuing education, and a copy of the Board's law and regulations, can be found on the website of the Board under which you are licensed:

State Board of Medicine

www.dos.pa.gov/med

State Board of Osteopathic Medicine

www.dos.pa.gov/ost

PLEASE NOTE: THE BOARD DOES NOT RECOMMEND OR ENDORSE CME COURSES.

IT IS THE LICENSEE'S RESPONSIBILITY TO MAINTAIN/TRACK THEIR PERSONAL CME CREDIT HOURS.

LICENSEE SHALL RETAIN PROOF OF COMPLETION OF CME FOR AT LEAST 5 YEARS AFTER COMPLETION OF THE CME OR AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE BIENNIAL REGISTRATION FOR WHICH THE CME WAS REQUIRED, WHICHEVER IS LATER.