

Academy President Letter
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Good Afternoon Fellows,

I would like to take some time and explain in more detail how recertification or maintenance of credentials (MOC) and your dues will work with the new requirements we must follow from the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA).

Please review the criteria for you to submit with your dues. You will see that there are numerous avenues, but also, an option for classes or activities that are unknown to the Academy that would be acceptable. Those special cases are also outlined. This MOC requirement begins with the August billing cycle.

Academy Maintenance of Credentials

The Academy of Chiropractic Orthopedists has set guidelines and markers for the membership to obtain a continuance of maintaining the Diplomate credential. The Maintenance of Credentials (MOC) is becoming more common and increasingly expected in health care.

When a board-certified chiropractic orthopedist initially applies for membership in the Academy the process requires registration of and documentation of specialty credentials. The Academy secures copies of the certificates of the doctor's credentials. These documents (Chiropractic College diploma and source verification letter from the College, State license and a verification letter from the state board, Diplomate certificate and a verification letter from the certifying board) are received by the Academy and permanently stored in a secure digital format. Following sole source verification of all specialty credentials, the board-certified orthopedist receives "Fellow" status.

Maintenance of Credentials (MOC) consists of initial credentialing from passing the board examination and obtaining Diplomate status. After one year, the MOC and membership are maintained by the following requirements.

Requirements and Costs

The requirements are 12 CEU per year. For your first cycle of dues from 08/01/17 through 07/31/18 you can go back 2 years to obtain your 12 CEU hours. Beginning on 08/01/18 and after that only the prior 12 months. These requirements may be met with the following activities:

- CEU from a CCE university or college sponsored event. This event would include but not limited to the yearly American College of Chiropractic (ACCO) Symposium, Cox classes, NCMIC symposia related to orthopedics or online CDI Australia. Other orthopedic or neuromusculoskeletal medicine related courses whether taken at the venue or online if there is a CCE institution vetting the hours and providing instructors.
- State associations that provide CCE sponsored education or if not institutional sponsorship, pre-vetting of instructors and their syllabus by the Academy is mandatory before any part of the classes will be accepted. A minimum of 30 days before the conference an instructor resume, curriculum, and other requested material must be received by the Executive Director of the Academy.
- Writing a case study or research paper published in a peer-reviewed journal
- Item writing for Part I and Part II Diplomate examination.
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- Simulated patients and examiners Part II examination.
- Undergraduate instructor in orthopedic and neuromusculoskeletal related classes.
- Working minimum of 10 hours per week as a clinician in a CCE approved chiropractic teaching clinic mentoring students.

- Postgraduate instructor focused on orthopedic and neuromusculoskeletal related classes. (Radiology, Neurology, sports, occupational health for all instructors/speakers)
- Speaker/Lecture at an orthopedic and neuromusculoskeletal related conference or symposia (2- hour lecture minimum).
- Journal Editors and Editorial Board members of the Journal of the Academy of Chiropractic Orthopedists that review articles and write follow-up information on these articles for publication.
- Participating member of a clinical research team.
- The primary author of home or self-study course.
- The Academy recognizes that associated organizations in chiropractic and medicine have seminars related to orthopedics. The syllabus, instructor and hosting group information will be required, and the Academy will follow the same protocol as for state associations. If these conferences are less than 12 hours, multiple source conference hours may be used to reach the total of 12 CEU.
- Special re-credentialing circumstances may occur and will be evaluated by the Academy. Information will need to be provided by the doctor.

The cost to the member is \$134.00 USD per year. This amount includes your yearly MOC and membership in the Academy of Chiropractic Orthopedists. Maintaining your credential allows the use of “Fellow” of the Academy. (FACO)

When dues are paid online, fax, e-mail a scanned copy or if paid by check place a copy of the hours with your check. This information on MOC will be digitally stored in a secure location, and each year the same process will be used for renewal. If you have any questions, please contact the Academy. Thank you so much for your understanding, support and patience during this transition. It takes time as there are many items that we are working on for the benefit of you and the specialty!

If you have a suggestion for MOC credits other than those listed, contact the Academy, and it will be reviewed.

There is no such thing as something for nothing – Napoleon Hill

“... Where your achievements matter”

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