

For CAAMA Members: Questions Answered about Recredentialing

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How do you maintain your value and marketability as a healthcare professional? Do you want to demonstrate your continued accountability to your employer and to the public or audience you serve? Will you be transitioning to a new area of healthcare administration? Maintaining your CAAMA credential will set you apart from other healthcare administrators: it will illustrate your commitment to the profession and your sustained competency.

Following the lead of other professional associations that offer a credential, the AAMA Board of Directors approved in 2001 that the CAAMA designation should be time-limited. Those who have earned the credential are now required to earn 30 *Professional Currency Points* every three years as well as maintaining their AAMA membership.

CAAMAs have asked a number of questions about this process. Visit the AAMA website under Professional Advancement in the Member Services section for additional information.

Frequently Asked Questions about Recredentialing

How do I earn Professional Currency Points?

Professional Currency Points may be earned through continuing education, service and employment.

When does recredentialing for the CAAMA begin?

Implementation of the recredentialing process has begun in 2002. Those who earned their CAAMA designation in 1995-1999 have been sent a letter indicating they must recredential by December 15, 2002 by submitting the fee and maintaining their AAMA membership. No points are required to recredential in 2002. CAAMAs earned in 2000 will be required to recredential in 2003 by earning 10 Professional Currency Points, submitting the fee and maintaining AAMA membership.

Do all the points for continuing education have to be earned through AAMA continuing education?

No, participation in conferences or seminars of other organizations such as MGMA, ACHE, HIMSS, etc., also applies. AAMA leadership realizes that AAMA members represent many healthcare administration specialties and therefore, will accept continuing education earned through other professional associations or organizations.

In addition, any seminar or course related to the practice of healthcare administration and management is accepted. For example, if you are required to earn CMEs in your position, those CMEs will be accepted toward points by AAMA.

Do education credits earned transfer exactly into Professional Currency Points?

Not exactly. In order to allow earning Professional Currency Points not only for continuing education, but for service and employment, the point system was developed. For more information on the CAAMA recredentialing process, visit the AAMA website under Professional Advancement in the Member Services section. Look for the Fact Sheet: Recredentialing Process for the CAAMA Designation.

Do you have other questions about the CAAMA recredentialing process? It is important for the CAAMA Committee to know member's questions and concerns. Email Holly Estal, Director of Education, at holly@aameda.org with your comments.