



AAPA CME Approval Fees

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	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4
Simple	\$50	\$200	\$300	\$1000
Complex	\$100	\$400	\$600	\$2000
Rush	\$200	\$200	\$500	\$1000
Upload	\$200	\$200	\$500	\$1000

Simple Fees

ALL of these: 5 or fewer CME credits, no commercial support, and a single CME format

- **Existing Accreditation:** Activities that are already designated for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™, AAFP Prescribed Credit, or AOA Category 1-A Credit qualify for Simple Fees and a simplified, expedited application process.

Complex Fees

ANY of these: More than 5 CME credits, planning to receive commercial support, multiple CME formats.

Rush Fee

An optional rush fee may be added to any application for expedited, 14-day review. This is required for applications submitted within 21 days of an activity. Submissions are never accepted within 7 days of any event.

Upload Fee

An additional upload fee may be added to your application for the ability to upload a properly formatted Excel file adhering to our template in place of filling out the list of activity details within the application.

Tier 1 – Constituent Organizations

Constituent Organizations are independent organizations that are officially chartered or recognized by AAPA. The following groups are eligible for Tier 1 fees:

- PA state chapters
- PA federal service chapters
- PA specialty organizations
- PA caucuses
- PA special interest groups
- PA regional groups

Tier 2 – ARC-PA Accredited PA Programs

Only PA programs which are accredited by the independent Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) are eligible for Tier 2 fees.

Tier 3 – Duty of Care, Academic, Professional, Government, and Military Organizations

Duty of Care organizations are those whose staff are responsible for the provision of care to the public or their employees. These organizations must be able to prove that they provide education with the goal of increasing the skills and knowledge of only their employees or members and not primarily to make a financial profit. Organizations qualifying for Tier 3 fees include:

- Hospitals, health systems, clinics, or private practices targeting their employees or members
- Academic institutions targeting their employees or members
- Professional associations targeting their employees or members
- Government or military organizations or agencies
- Other organizations targeting their own professional staff or members

Tier 4 – All Other Organizations

All other organizations that do not fit the descriptions in Tiers 1-3, or which AAPA deems as most appropriately being placed in Tier 4, will be subject to Tier 4 fees; these commonly include:

- Medical education companies and their partners
- Communications companies and their partners
- Other organizations that do not qualify for Tiers 1-3, regardless of tax status

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