AAPA CME Approval Fees
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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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