

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

**CME REQUIREMENT FOR OS UNRESTRICTED LICENSE**

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In order to renew a license, completion of 100 credit hours of continuing medical education in the preceding two (2) year period, which runs from November 1 of the even year through October 31 of the next even year, will be required for all osteopathic physicians.

- At least 20 credit hours shall be completed in American Osteopathic Association Category 1-A approved activities.
- AOA Category 1-a credits can be obtained by attending formal, face-to-face educational programs that are designed to enhance clinical competence, improve patient care and are sponsored by an AOA accredited Category 1 CME sponsor.
- At least 12 credit hours shall be completed in Category 1 or 2 approved activities in the area of patient safety/risk management.
- The remaining credit hours shall be completed in any Category 1 or Category 2 approved activities.
- AOA activity reports must be accompanied by certificates in order to verify the patient safety/risk management requirement.
- Credit will not be granted for courses in office management or practice building.

**The following exemptions apply for certain osteopathic physicians:**

- A physician enrolled in a training program for any portion of the renewal cycle.
- A physician applying for licensure in this Commonwealth for the first time, shall be exempt from the continuing education requirement for the biennial renewal period following initial licensure.

**Waiver of the CE requirements may be permitted as follows:**

- The board may grant a hardship waiver of all or a part of the continuing 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 documentation and include a detailed description of circumstances sufficient to show why compliance is impossible. This request may be made prior to the end of the renewal cycle.
- 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.

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

Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association      [www.poma.org](http://www.poma.org)

American Osteopathic Association                      [www.aoa-net.org](http://www.aoa-net.org)

Pennsylvania Medical Society                              [www.pamedsoc.org](http://www.pamedsoc.org)

American Medical Association                              [www.ama-assn.org/go/cme](http://www.ama-assn.org/go/cme)

**Additional information regarding Continuing Education and a copy of the Boards rules and regulations, may be found on our website at [www.dos.state.pa.us/ost](http://www.dos.state.pa.us/ost).**