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In keeping with our ongoing commitment to assure the continued competence of medical laboratory personnel, the ASCP Board of Certification (BOC) developed the Credential Maintenance Program (CMP). This booklet will acquaint you with the requirements of the CMP and will provide you with everything you need to know in order to complete the program.

The CMP provides an opportunity to obtain a wide variety of learning experiences that demonstrate your professional competency and dedication to excellence in the workplace. Some of the qualifying activities include: employer offered course work, writing journal articles, serving on committees or boards, competence assessment by your employer, and participating in formal continuing education courses.

In addition to helping you maintain your professional certification, the CMP can help you stay current on developments in your field and provide opportunities for both professional and personal enrichment. For additional information, please refer to the BOC CMP website www.ascp.org/cmp.

*All program requirements, processes and fees as stated in this booklet are subject to change without prior notice.
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INTERNATIONAL CMP: WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

The goal of the Credential Maintenance Program (CMP) is to demonstrate to the public that laboratory professionals with the “CM” designation are completing continuing education (CE) activities to stay current in their practice.

REQUIRED CMP PARTICIPATION

The International CMP is required for all individuals who became newly certified on or after January 1, 2012 in the following categories:

International Technologist in Blood Banking (BB)
International Technologist in Chemistry (C)
International Technologist in Cytogenetics (CG)
International Cytotechnologist (CT)
International Technologist in Gynecologic Cytology (CTgyn)
International Technologist in Hematology (H)
International Histotechnician (HT)
International Histotechnologist (HTL)
International Technologist in Microbiology (M)
International Technologist in Molecular Biology (MB)
International Medical Laboratory Scientist (MLS)
International Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT)
International Phlebotomy Technician (PBT)
International Specialist in Blood Banking (SBB)
International Specialist in Chemistry (SC)
International Specialist in Cytotechnology (SCT)
International Specialist in Hematology (SH)
International Specialist in Microbiology (SM)
International Specialist in Molecular Biology (SMB)
International Specialist in Cytometry (SCYM)
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The required CMP as described in this booklet must be completed every three years to maintain certification. To successfully complete the program, documented activities demonstrating continued competence must be completed prior to the certification expiration date. An online declaration form documenting your required CEs, along with the CMP application fee must be submitted at least one month prior to the certification expiration date.

CE activities completed before your current three-year certification cycle begins will not be accepted. For example, if your three-year certification cycle is January 1, 2019 through January 31, 2022, you will need to complete your continuing education between those dates. (See FAQ2 on page 11.) CEs or CMP points may only be used for one certification cycle. Upon successful completion of the program, your certification is valid for the next three-year cycle. The superscript “CM” following your certification credential indicates you have successfully maintained certification under the CMP. [e.g., MLS(ASCP)^{CM}] If you do not participate in the required CMP and your certification expires, you are no longer permitted to use the ASCP certification credential after your name. See Reinstatement for Expired Certification on page 13.

VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION

Individuals ASCP¹ certified prior to January 2012, are not required to participate in the program; however, voluntary participation is encouraged since continuing education (CE) provides many personal and professional benefits. If you choose to participate in this program on a voluntary basis, CEs completed three years prior to the date you submit your online declaration form to the Board of Certification would qualify for the program as long as they meet the CMP requirements for your certification category. For example, if you submit your declaration form May 15, 2020, CEs must be completed between May 15, 2017 through May 15, 2020.

Upon successful completion of the program, the designation “CM” in superscript, is added after your certification credential [e.g., MLT(ASCP)^{CM}] for the three-year period your certification is valid under the CMP cycle. If you choose not to continue your voluntary participation in the program, you are no longer permitted to use the superscript “CM” after your certification credential. However, your original certification remains valid, with no expiration date. For example, if you are certified as a Medical Technologist MT(ASCP¹) and you do not continue to participate in the voluntary CMP, your credential will revert back from MLS(ASCP)^{CM} to MT(ASCP¹), with no expiration.

POINT ALLOCATION

Continuing Education Activities are awarded points based on the Guidelines on page 6. It is the responsibility of the certificant to allocate all CMP points to the required areas for recertification.

STEPS FOR COMPLETING THE CMP

1. **Review the International CMP booklet and information posted on the ASCP website for requirements and instructions for completing the program. Please visit www.ascp.org/cmp.**
2. **Within your three-year certification cycle, complete the continuing education activities required for your certification category. (As a courtesy, the BOC sends out CMP email reminders. Be sure to keep your contact information up to date.)**
3. **Up to three (3) months prior to your certification expiration date, complete the online declaration process and pay the application fee by credit card. Please allow 30 business days to process your declaration form. Faxed/emailed declaration forms will not be accepted. Application fees are not refundable.**

PLEASE NOTE: the earliest a current (not expired) certification cycle will update, is the first day of the month in which it expires.

4. **Save all original certificates of attendance or any other type of documentation of completion in the event your declaration form is selected for audit.**
5. **If you receive notification that your declaration is being audited, you will be required to submit copies of the certificates of completion and any other documentation of completion at that time.**

6. **Upon successful completion of the program, you will receive access to an online renewal notification of your new three-year certification cycle dates. The designation “CM” in superscript is required after your certification credentials to indicate you have successfully maintained your certification. [e.g., MLT(ASCP)^{CM}]**

FAILURE TO PARTICIPATE IN CMP

If you are required to participate in the CMP, and do not participate, your certification will no longer be valid after the three-year expiration date and you will no longer be permitted to use the ASCPi certification credential after your name. Information on reinstatement for expired certification is located on page 13.

DOCUMENTATION FOR AUDIT

To ensure the integrity of the CMP program, a percentage of declaration forms will be audited to verify completion of the program. If your declaration form is selected for audit, you will be notified and required to submit documentation of completion verifying all CEs submitted on your declaration form for recertification. (See Audit Procedures on page 12 for further information.)



INTERNATIONAL CMP REQUIREMENTS

CERTIFICATION CATEGORY	CMP REQUIRED FOR INDIVIDUALS CERTIFIED BEGINNING 1/1/2012	TOTAL POINTS REQUIRED	POINTS DISTRIBUTION*
International MT/MLS, CLM, MLT	2012	36	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 point in laboratory or patient safety (i.e., quality control, quality assurance) • 2 points in each of the following: blood banking, chemistry, hematology, microbiology • Remaining points in area(s) of lab specialty, immunology, molecular diagnostics, management, education, or other related laboratory areas of interest
International BB, C, CG, CT, CTgyn, H, HT, HTL, M, MB	2012	36	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 point in laboratory or patient safety (i.e., quality control, quality assurance) • 2 points in area in which you are certified • Remaining points in area of lab specialty, management, education, or other related laboratory areas of interest
International PBT	2012	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 point in laboratory or patient safety (i.e., quality control, quality assurance) • 2 points in area in which you are certified (i.e., specimen collection, identification, handling, transport & processing, lab/center operations) • Remaining points in the area of lab specialty, management, education, or other related laboratory areas of interest
International SBB, SC, SCT, SCYM, SH, SMB, SM	2012	36	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 point in laboratory or patient safety (i.e., quality control, quality assurance) • 10 points in area of specialty • Remaining points in area of laboratory specialty, management, education, or other related laboratory areas of interest

* It is the responsibility of the certificant to allocate all CMP points to the required areas for recertification.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Effective 1/1/2023, all certification categories are required to complete one CMP point of continuing education in the area of medical ethics (e. g., HIPAA, compliance, confidentiality training.) This does not increase the overall total CMP points required per category.



INTERNATIONAL CMP POINT ALLOCATION

1 CMP POINT = 1 CONTACT HOUR ACTIVITIES*	CONTACT/ CREDIT HOURS	CMP POINTS
1. Formal continuing education courses: **ACCME, ASCP CMLE, AACC, professional societies (including state, regional and ACCENT, ASCLS PACE, CE programs sponsored by other local societies and chapters, universities and colleges or continuing education courses sponsored by national or international professional societies)	1 contact hour (50-60 minutes)	1
2. Employer-offered courses (in-service, instrument training, vendor-sponsored, etc.)	1 contact hour (50-60 minutes)	1
3. College/university coursework (e.g., biological/chemical/medical sciences, computer management, or education) Courses must be lab related. CEs may not exceed 50% of the total number of required CMP points	15 contact hours	15 (points not to exceed 50% of total required)
4. Teleconferences, subscription or online self-instructional courses for which ACCME, CMLE, ACCENT, PACE or other professional society credits are awarded	1 contact hour (50-60 minutes)	1
5. Completion of advanced BOC certification or qualification:		
• Specialist/Diplomate certification		25
• Categorical or higher level certification		12
• Qualification		12
<i>(These points may not be used for recertification points in the category for which they were received. See FAQ5 on page 14.)</i>		
6. Competence Assessment by employer (must use ASCP BOC Employer Assessment Form)		2 (per year/max 4 pts.)
7. Documentation of Clinical Teaching: teaching students during their clinical rotation within the scope of an accredited laboratory training program (must use ASCP BOC Clinical Teaching Documentation Form)		1 (per year/max 3 pts.)
8. Research & preparation for presentation or workshop (first time only)	each contact hour of presentation (50-60 minutes)	3 (points not to exceed 50% of total required)
9. Authoring journal articles for peer-reviewed publications		5
10. Authoring a book related to the laboratory profession		
• (over 300 pages)		21
• (under 300 pages)		14
• (chapter in a book)		7
11. Editing a book related to the laboratory profession		5
12. Doctoral dissertation		10
13. Master's thesis		4
14. Presenting posters/exhibits		3 (per year)
15. Serving on active committees/boards related to the profession (national, state, regional, local)		3 (per year)
16. Serving on a BOC Advisory Board		2 (per year)
17. Role of on-site inspector/paper reviewer for laboratory accreditation (CAP, The Joint Commission, AABB, COLA, state/government agency WHO, ISO, SANAS, UKAS, and other national/international accrediting bodies who are full members of ILAC)		2 (per year)

* Activities must be related to area of specialty and safety as indicated. ** ACCME (Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education), ASCP CMLE (American Society for Clinical Pathology—Continuing Medical Laboratory Education), AACC ACCENT (American Association for Clinical Chemistry—ACCENT programs), ASCLS PACE (American Society of Clinical Laboratory Science—PACE programs).

PLEASE NOTE: Because of the large volume of continuing education programs available, the Board of Certification will not respond to requests for approval of individual programs or courses. If the program/course meets the criteria as described above, it will be accepted for CMP points. Program provider must assign points or contact hours.

GUIDELINES FOR EARNING CMP POINTS

The CMP Requirements chart on page 6 outlines the number of points required to complete the Credential Maintenance Program. The CMP Point Allocation chart on page 7 lists the activities for which points are awarded. The numbers listed below relate directly to the numbered activities in the CMP Point Allocation chart.

1. Formal continuing education courses

These courses may be completed through the programs/organizations listed on the chart as well as through other professional societies such as those listed under Suggested List of Providers on page 10. Courses offered by state/regional/local societies and chapters are acceptable as well as courses offered through the continuing education departments of colleges and universities. Courses offered by organizations approved by state licensing boards are also acceptable.

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2. Employer-offered coursework

Structured programs, workshops, and in-services offered through your employer or sponsored by a vendor will all qualify for the CMP. (This does not include routine staff meetings or job orientation.) Points or contact hours must be assigned by employer/vendor.

3. College/university coursework

For example, courses in the biological/ chemical/medical sciences, computer management, or education. (Course must be lab related.) CEs may not exceed 50% of the total number of required CMP points for your category.

4. Teleconference, subscription, or online self-instructional courses

These courses are acceptable based on any of the following criteria:

- A. ACCME, CMLE, ACCENT, PACE credits are awarded, OR
- B. they are offered by a professional society (including state, regional or local chapter), OR
- C. the course is accepted by a state licensing board, OR
- D. the course is offered through a university or college.

5. Completion of advanced ASCP certification or qualification

Achievement of a Specialist or Diplomate certification in the following categories is acceptable for 25 CMP points:

U.S./International Specialists in Blood Banking (SBB), Chemistry (SC), Cytotechnology (SCT), Cytometry (SCYM), Hematology (SH), Microbiology (SM), Molecular Biology (SMB), and U.S. Diplomate in Laboratory management (DLM).

These points may not be used for recertification points in the category for which they were received. (See FAQ5 on page 14.)

Categorical certification or higher level certification

Achievement of a categorical or higher level certification is acceptable for 12 CMP points:

U.S. Categorical Certification: Blood Banking, BB(ASCP); Chemistry, C(ASCP); Cytogenetics, CG(ASCP); Hematology, H(ASCP); Histotechnologist, HTL(ASCP); Microbiology, M(ASCP) and Molecular Biology, MB(ASCP)

International Categorical Certification: Blood Banking, BB(ASCPⁱ); Chemistry, C(ASCPⁱ); Gynecologic Cytology, CTgyn(ASCPⁱ); Cytogenetics, CG(ASCPⁱ); Hematology, H(ASCPⁱ); Histotechnologist, HTL(ASCPⁱ); Microbiology, M(ASCPⁱ); and Molecular Biology, MB(ASCPⁱ).

Qualifications

Achievement of a qualification is acceptable for 12 CMP points: Qualifications in Apheresis (QIA), Biorepository Science (QBRs), Immunohistochemistry (QIHC), Laboratory Safety (QLS).

6. Competence assessment by employer

You may receive up to 2 CMP points per year (maximum of 2 years/4 points) by submission of an Employer Assessment Form (ASCP BOC form required). Your employer must complete the required Employer Assessment Form to document your continued competency in the area(s) of your employment. The date of the assessment must be included on this form. One form per year submitted. Form available at www.ascp.org/cmp.

7. Documentation of Clinical Teaching

You may receive up to 1 CMP point per year (maximum of 3 years/3pts) by submission of a clinical Teaching Documentation Form (ASCP BOC form required) for teaching students during their clinical rotation within the scope of an accredited laboratory training program. Documentation form must be approved and signed to receive credit. Form available at www.ascp.org/cmp.

8. Research & Preparation for presentation or workshop

You may receive 3 CMP points for each contact hour of a presentation/workshop you prepare and deliver, for the first time only. (Beyond the scope of your job.) Subsequent presentations of the same workshop are not awarded any points. Total points for presentations/workshops may not exceed 50% of the total number of required points for your category.

9. Authoring journal articles for peer-reviewed publications

Points are awarded for writing articles in peer-reviewed journals in the laboratory field or in journals for professional associations in the areas of education and management.

10/11. Authoring a book/chapter or editing a book related to the laboratory profession

12. Doctoral dissertation

13. Master's thesis

14. Presenting a poster or exhibit

Points are awarded for posters or exhibits presented at national, state, regional, or local laboratory professional association meetings.

15. Serving on committees/ boards related to the profession, including national, regional, state, and local professional organizations or committee appointments at your place of employment

16. Serving on an active BOC Advisory Board

17. Lab inspector for CAP/The Joint Commission/AABB/COLA/state agency, etc





Below is a partial list of providers who offer continuing education activities including workshops, teleconferences, subscription programs, online courses, etc.

This list is only a partial list to assist you in planning your activities. State/regional/local professional societies and other organizations recognized by state licensing boards may not be represented on this list; however, courses provided by these groups are acceptable for CMP points.

ASCP CMLE—American Society for Clinical Pathology

AABB

AACC “ACCENT”—American Association
for Clinical Chemistry

AGT—Association of Genetic Technologists

AMA—American Medical Association

AMT—American Medical Technologists

ASCLS PACE—American Society
of Clinical Laboratory Science

ASC—American Society of Cytopathology

ASCT—American Society for Cytotechnology

ASFA—American Society for Apheresis

ASH—American Society of Hematology

ASM—American Society of Microbiology

CACMLE—Colorado Association for
Continuing Medical Laboratory Education

CAP—College of American Pathologists

CLMA—Clinical Laboratory Management Association

CMEA—Continuing Medical Education Association

Florida Excell

The Joint Commission

NSH—National Society for Histotechnology

The American Red Cross

PLEASE NOTE: Because of the large volume of continuing education programs available, the Board of Certification will not respond to requests for approval of individual programs or courses. If the program/course meets the criteria described under Guidelines for Earning CMP Points, it will be acceptable for CMP Points. Program provider must assign points or contact hours.

DECLARATION AND COMPLETION OF CMP

The CMP points, required to complete the program, must be obtained within the valid three-year period of certification. Copies of certificates of participation, program syllabi, copies of publications, or any other type of documentation of your continuing competence activities, should be retained and only be submitted if requested as part of an audit.

ONLINE DECLARATION FORM PROCESS

Within your current three-year cycle you may enter your completed non-ASCP credits in your online ASCP transcript. Any continuing education courses completed through the ASCP will automatically be recorded in your online ASCP transcript. Non-ASCP courses must be properly categorized (i.e., specialty area, title, date, credits awarded).

All courses that have been previously added to your ASCP transcript (provided they are in your three-year cycle) will automatically populate into your online CMP Declaration Form. You will then be able to add more credits as necessary or re-categorize any credits to meet your recertification requirements.

All CEs must be translated and provided in the English language.

Only after your recertification requirements have been met will you be able to submit your online CMP declaration form and application fee. Refer to the website at www.ascp.org/cmp for current CMP fee information. Fees are non-refundable.

DEADLINE DATES

Up to three (3) months prior to your certification expiration date, complete the online CMP declaration process and submit with the application fee payable by credit card. Please allow 30 business days for the processing of your declaration form.

PLEASE NOTE: The earliest your certification cycle will update is the first day of the month in which it expires.

CHANGE OF NAME/ADDRESS

The Board of Certification requires a copy of official documentation to make a name change (e.g., marriage license or court order.)

To make a name change:

- Go to www.ascp.org/login
- Click on "Profile & Settings" link
- Click on "Request Name Change" button
- Complete the form, upload documentation and submit

To update your mailing address or demographic information:

- Go to www.ascp.org/login
- Click on "Profiles & Settings" Icon
- Update information and save

AUDIT

If your declaration form is selected for audit, you will be notified by email. (See detailed information on the auditing procedures on the next page.)

SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF CMP

Upon successful completion of the Credential Maintenance Program (CMP), you will receive access to an online renewal notification of your new valid three-year certification cycle dates.

The designation "CM", as a superscript, is required after your certification credential to indicate that you have successfully maintained your certification [e.g., MLS(ASCP)^{CM}].

AUDIT PROCEDURE

To ensure the integrity of the International Credential Maintenance Program, the ASCP Board of Certification will review and audit a percentage of declaration forms each year. If your declaration is selected for audit, you will be notified and requested to submit supporting documentation of all activities submitted for the program.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

The following documents are required to verify your continuing competence activities. If your documentation is provided in a language other than English, translated English copies will be required.

ACTIVITY	DOCUMENTATION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formal continuing education courses, teleconferences, subscription or online courses where formal continuing education credits are awarded 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of Participation including: Name of participant, title of program, name of provider, date of program, number of contact hours/CMLE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employer-offered courses, in-service programs, sponsored courses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter on original letterhead signed and dated by employer/certificate/signed attendance from vendor-employer containing above information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formal college/university coursework 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University Transcript/Mark Sheet
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competence assessment by employer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employer Assessment Form completed by the employer documenting competence in particular laboratory specialty(ies) and date of assessment (form available at www.ascp.org/cmp)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documentation of Clinical Teaching 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed Clinical Teaching Documentation Form documenting Academic Institution, dates of instruction and instructional areas covered, signed and dated by employer. (form available at www.ascp.org/cmp)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research & preparation for presentation or workshop 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of syllabus, program or letter from organization that indicates content, length of teaching time and name of the organization
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authoring a book or book chapter, doctoral dissertation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Title page of publication and table of contents containing author name
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Editing a book 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of cover or inside page containing editor names
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presenting posters/exhibits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abstract identifying poster session, meeting program or brochure identifying presentation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Journal articles, master thesis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of publication with authors name
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serving on committees or boards related to the profession 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter from organization verifying participation, in what capacity and dates of service
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Role of on-site inspector/paper reviewer for laboratory accreditation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter from organization (The Joint Commission, Cap, etc.) verifying your role as an inspector and the dates of inspection

SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

You will be notified if your declaration form is selected for audit. You will be requested to submit copies of the documents listed for all of the continuing competence activities you completed to acquire the necessary CMP points. If your documentation is provided in a language other than English, translated English copies will be required. DO NOT SUBMIT original documents, except for official college/university transcripts. Audit documentation should be mailed to the following address:

ASCP Board of Certification
 33 West Monroe Street, Suite 1600
 Chicago, IL 60603
 Attn: CMP Audit

SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF CMP AFTER AUDIT

Upon successful completion of the audit process, you will receive access to an online renewal notification of your new valid three-year certification cycle dates. The designation “CM”, as a superscript, is required after your certification credential to indicate that you have successfully maintained your certification [e.g., MLS(ASCP)^{CM}].

UNSUCCESSFUL AUDIT

If your declaration is under audit and you are unable to submit documentation of your continuing maintenance activities or you were unable to complete the required CMP points due to extenuating circumstances, you may submit a letter of appeal to the ASCP Board of Certification.

AUDIT APPEALS PROCEDURE

To appeal an unsuccessful audit, you must submit a letter to the Board of Certification. This letter must describe in detail the reasons for your inability to complete the program and include documentation supporting your request.

Extenuating circumstances likely to be considered include: serious, incapacitating illness over one year in duration; or military assignment overseas over a one-year duration in a location with no access to online workshops. Financial hardship and personal/family-related responsibilities are not considered extenuating circumstances.

Your letter of appeal and all supporting documentation will be reviewed and you will be notified of the decision.

INACTIVE STATUS FOR REQUIRED CMP PARTICIPATION

If you wish to request inactive status for a period of time, you must submit a \$40 fee,* a letter describing in detail the reasons for your inactive status and documentation.

Extenuating circumstances likely to be considered include: serious, incapacitating illness over one year in duration; or military assignment overseas over a one-year duration in a location with no access to online workshops; or reside in a location with no access to online workshops. Financial hardship and personal/family-related responsibilities are not considered extenuating circumstances.

* *The inactive status fee will be waived for individuals residing in countries requiring mandatory military service when that is the basis for inactive status. Documentation is required.*

To be reinstated after inactive status has expired, you must submit a completed online declaration form documenting all points earned within the extended period granted to you as required for your certification category. You will also be required to pay the current CMP fee(s) (available at www.ascp.org/cmp).

At the end of the extended period, if you fail to participate and do not submit compelling reasons for continuing inactive status as described under the Appeals Procedure, your certification will no longer be valid and you may no longer use the ASCPⁱ certification credential after your name.

REINSTATEMENT FOR EXPIRED CERTIFICATION

If you allow your certification to expire and then seek reinstatement, you must submit a completed online declaration form documenting all points earned within the previous three years as required by your certification category. You must also pay a reinstatement fee in addition to the application fee. Refer to the website at www.ascp.org/cmp for current CMP fee information. Fees are non-refundable.

The BOC will not grant extensions or waive the reinstatement fee due to the non-receipt of CMP reminder notifications. The certificant is responsible for keeping email and address information up to date in their database record.

If your certification has lapsed for ten (10) or more years, you will be required to retake and pass the certification examination for reinstatement of your certification. If this applies to you, contact 10yexpired@ascp.org.



Q1: If I become certified but fail to complete or participate in the required Credential Maintenance Program (CMP), what happens? Will my ASCP certification be revoked?

A: International certifications issued on or after January 1, 2012 are valid for three years. If someone fails to participate in the required CMP, their certification will no longer be valid after the three-year certification expiration date. They are no longer permitted to use the certification credential [e.g., MLS(ASCP)[®]CMP] after their name since their certification is no longer valid.

Q2: Will individuals be allowed to start the program before the initial certification or re-certification date?

A: Points accumulated toward meeting the CMP requirements must be obtained within the three-year certification cycle. (e.g., if the certification validation period is January 2020 through January 2023, all points must be completed within this three-year period.) Continuing education completed before your re-certification validation period begins will not be accepted.

Q3: Please provide some clarification regarding BOC certification, ASCP membership and the Credential Maintenance Program (CMP). What is the difference between certification and membership? There seems to be some confusion and perhaps misperception that paying ASCP membership dues will go towards renewing BOC certification.

A: Certification by the ASCP Board of Certification (BOC) required meeting specific eligibility requirements and successful completion of the certification examination. Individuals who became US certified beginning January 2004 and beyond are required to maintain their certification through completion of the Credential Maintenance Program (CMP) every three years. ASCP Membership is voluntary, separate and apart from certification. Certification and maintenance of certification are not contingent upon membership in any professional organization.

Q4: Please provide some clarification regarding BOC certification, ASCP membership and the Credential Maintenance Program (CMP). What is the difference between certification and membership? There seems to be some confusion and perhaps a misperception that paying ASCP membership dues will go towards renewing BOC certification.

A: Certification by the ASCP Board of Certification (BOC) requires meeting specific eligibility requirements and successful completion of the certification examination. Individuals who became US certified beginning January 2004 and beyond are required to maintain their certification through completion of the Credential Maintenance Program (CMP) every three years. ASCP Membership is voluntary, separate and apart from certification. Certification and maintenance of certification are not contingent upon membership in any professional organization.

Q5: Can I use the 25 points I received for earning a specialist SBB certification from the BOC towards my SBB CMP requirements?

A: The BOC awards CMP points for the completion of an advanced BOC certification or qualification. These points may be used one-time towards recertification for any certification other than the one for which the points were awarded.

For example, if an international MLS certificant earns a specialty certification such as an SBB certification, 25 points will be awarded and can be used to meet the MLS recertification requirements. Likewise, if a CTgyn certificant earns a specialty certification such as an International MB, the 25 points earned cannot be used to meet the International MB recertification requirements.

Q6: If I have further questions regarding this program, whom do I contact?

A: Contact ASCP Customer Service - Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm ET

Phone: 800.267.2727

Email: cmpinternational@ascp.org

Live Chat – available Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 6:00 pm ET www.ascp.org/cmp

COMPLETING INTERNATIONAL CMP— STEP BY STEP

STEP 1

Review the International CMP booklet posted on the ASCP website for details and instructions for completing the program. Please visit www.ascp.org/cmp.

STEP 2

Complete the continuing education activities required for your certification category and save documentation of completion for these activities during the three-year period following certification/recertification.

STEP 3

Up to three (3) months prior to your certification expiration date, complete the online CMP declaration process and pay the current application fee by credit card. Please allow 30 business days for processing your declaration form.

PLEASE NOTE: The earliest a current (not expired) certification cycle will update is the first day of the month in which it expires.

Expired Certification: if your certification has expired, you will be required to pay a reinstatement fee in addition to the CMP application fee.

DO NOT SUBMIT any documentation of your continuing competence activities when you submit your declaration form. This documentation will only be required if your declaration form is selected for audit.

STEP 4

You will receive email notifications regarding the status of the processing of your declaration form. You may login to your account at any time to follow and view the status of your recertification application.

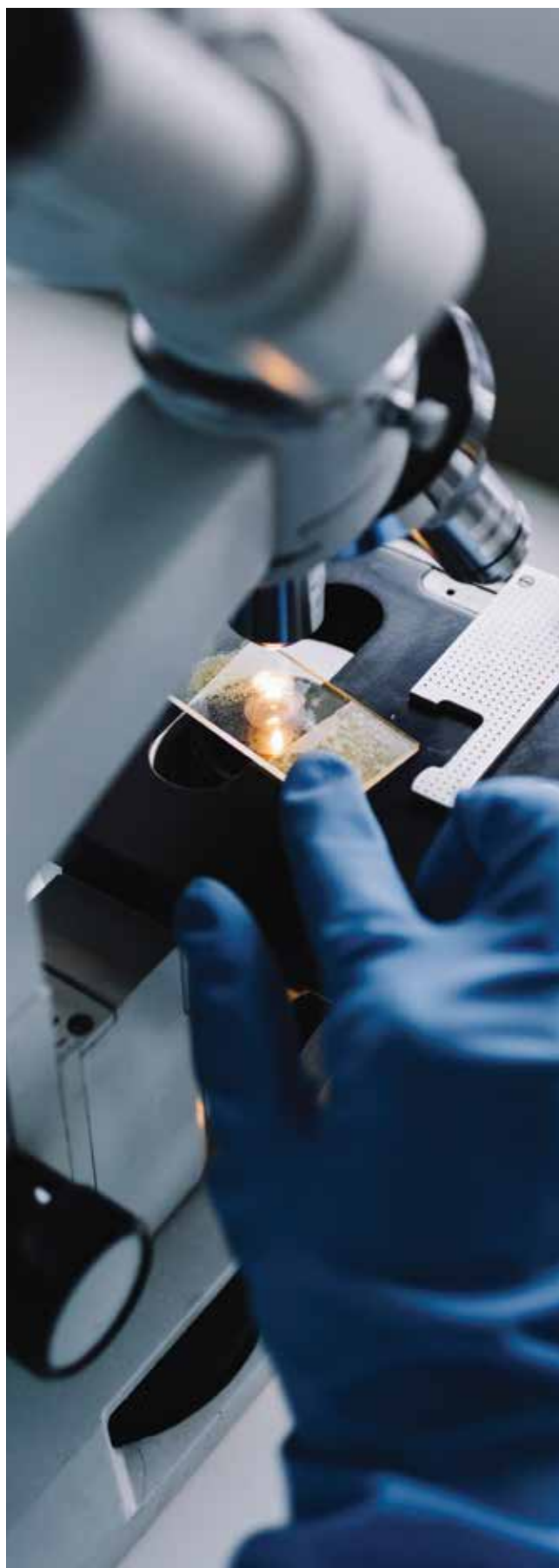
STEP 5

If you receive notification that your declaration form is deficient or under audit, you will have 30 business days within which to resolve your deficiency/audit. Instructions will be provided in your notification.

STEP 6

Upon successful completion of the Credential Maintenance Program (CMP), you will receive access to an online renewal notification of your new, valid three-year certification cycle dates.

The designation “CM”, in superscript, is required after your certification initials to indicate that you have successfully maintained your certification [e.g., MLS(ASCP)^{CM}].



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