

IMPORTANT CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION INFORMATION

REQUESTS FOR PARTIAL EXEMPTION

Partial exemptions can be granted on an individual basis only to those who have been ill or out of the country FOR MORE THAN SIX CONSECUTIVE MONTHS during the registration period. The illness or absence from the country must have affected one's reasonable opportunity to participate in CME activities. A total of five hours (two from Category 1 and three from Category 2) will be subtracted from the 100-hour requirement for each month's exemption which is approved. Requests for exemption under the above provisions should be made in writing to the Board at the following address.

State Medical Board of Ohio
Continuing Medical Education Exemption
30 E. Broad St., 3rd Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215-6127

An Exemption Application can then be mailed to you for completion. It is extremely important that you contact the Board as soon as possible concerning exemption requests. Requests received late in the registration period will delay processing of your license renewal.

OUT-OF-STATE REGISTRANTS

Those individuals residing out of the state must complete the required CME prior to registration even though not currently practicing in Ohio.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THE BOARD WILL RECOGNIZE PODIATRIC CATEGORY I CREDIT ATTAINED IN ANY INSTITUTION ACCREDITED FOR CME BY THE APMA OR THE OPMA, WHETHER THAT INSTITUTION IS IN OHIO OR ELSEWHERE.

INTERNSHIPS, RESIDENCIES AND FELLOWSHIPS

Fifty hours of Category I credit may be claimed for each full year of internship, residency or fellowship training taken in a program that has been approved by the Council on Education of the APMA. Study for a related degree may also be included. Full-time study for part of a year is accepted as one credit hour per week. **Credits may not be claimed in any other category during the time in which the podiatrist was in full-time training in an approved program.**

TRAINING MUST HAVE BEEN TAKEN DURING THE REGISTRATION PERIOD TO QUALIFY FOR CREDIT. ANY TRAINING RECEIVED PRIOR TO PERMANENT LICENSURE MAY NOT BE CLAIMED.

CME requirements are imposed by Ohio law as enacted by the Ohio General Assembly. For purposes of this document, the term "certified" describes a process whereby the Ohio State Medical Association (OSMA), the Ohio Osteopathic Association (OOA), and the Ohio Podiatric Association (OPA) define their respective CME program requirements for submission on a periodic basis to the board for approval. The Board considers approval of each association's CME program requirements which consist of CME courses and activities that are deemed acceptable for completing the requisite hours of CME by each licensee.

