

## **CME CREDIT FOR BECOMING CERTIFIED OR RECERTIFIED**

### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)**

- 1. Can I receive credit for attaining or maintaining certification?** Yes. Physicians can receive 60 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit*<sup>™</sup> from the AMA for:
- Attaining initial ABEM certification (passing the Oral Certification Examination)
  - or**
  - Completing all MOC requirements for recertification

Beginning in 2018, physicians who become certified or recertified can receive the credits at no cost if they agree to ABEM sharing their contact information with the AMA. You can receive the credits by doing the following:

- Sign in to the ABEM portal at [www.abem.org](http://www.abem.org)
- Place your cursor over "Certification" on the top navigation
- Click on "Examination Score History" from the drop-down menu
- Click the link "AMA CME Credits Attestation"

If you do not wish to share your contact information with the AMA, you can apply directly to them (see FAQ #3).

- 2. How many credits can I earn?** If you achieved certification or recertification on September 1, 2010 or later, you are eligible to claim 60 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*<sup>™</sup> for "Successful completion of an ABMS board certification or MOC process."
- 3. How do I claim credit from the AMA for certification or recertification?** You can complete the form from your "View Examination Score History" page or apply directly to the AMA. To apply directly, you must go to the [Direct Credit page](#) of the AMA website and download a copy of the [necessary form](#). You will need to include a copy of your ABEM certificate or the letter you received from ABEM notifying you that you passed the Oral Certification Examination or that you fulfilled your Maintenance of Certification requirements and the appropriate fee.

Additional information is available from the AMA in their [AMA PRA booklet](#) (see page 9), and [AMA PRA FAQs for physicians](#).

- 4. How much will it cost to claim the credits?** The standard processing fee is \$30 for AMA members, and \$75 for non-AMA members. See FAQ #1 for information on ABEM's special arrangement with the AMA starting in 2018.
- 5. When will I receive confirmation that I received the AMA credits?** You should receive confirmation of the credits and your certificate within three months via an email from the AMA.
- 6. I recertified in 2017. Can I receive the AMA credits at no cost?** No. The special arrangement with the AMA is for 2018 forward. You can, however, obtain the credits for certification and recertification in previous years by claiming them directly from the AMA and paying the required fee. Refer to FAQ #3.