

American Board of Emergency Medicine

MyEMSCert

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

- 1. What are the requirements for renewing my EMS certification using MyEMSCert?** When fully phased in, the EMS continuing certification requirements will include:
 - Pass 4 MyEMSCert modules
 - Attest to completing 1 IMP activity
 - Attest to the [ABEM Policy on Medical Licensure](#)
 - Attest to the [ABEM Code of Professionalism](#)

When your certification renews, you also will move to a 5-year certification cycle and an annual fee requirement. Refer to the [5-year Certification and Annual Fee for MyEMSCert FAQs](#) for more information.

- 2. When will MyEMSCert modules be available?** Two MyEMSCert modules—"Cardiac Arrest and Shock" and "Pulmonary Emergencies"—will be available in February 2023. Additional modules will be available in 2024 and after. Although you can view your requirements in your portal now, you will not be able to access the modules until February 2023.
- 3. My certification expires in 2023. What do I need to do to renew certification using MyEMSCert?** For physicians whose *EMS certifications expire in 2023 or 2025*, we advise you to take your MyEMSCert modules as soon as they become available as there will not be 4 MyEMSCert modules available in time for you to complete your current requirements. ABEM will be making a new version of EMS modules available every three months. If you do not pass a module, you will have to wait until a new version is available before you can retake it. Therefore, based on the types of certifications you hold you will need to do the following:

For those certified in *Emergency Medicine and EMS*, you have the following options available to you to renew:

- Pass 2 MyEMSCert modules + 1 of the following:
 - 4 EMS LLSAs
 - 2 EMS LLSAs and 1 MyEMCert module*
 - 2 MyEMCert modules*

* The MyEMCert modules that count toward this requirement are Trauma and Bleeding and Abnormal Vital Signs and Shock.

For those who do not have a primary certification in EM (i.e., hold a primary certification from another ABMS member board, or did not maintain primary certification in EM), your requirements are:

- Pass 2 MyEMSCert modules
- Pass 4 EMS LLSAs

Physicians whose certifications expire in 2023 or 2025 were sent an email from ABEM outlining your options for recertification, or, if you have met all of your requirements, you were sent an email confirming your status. If you have any questions, you can email subspecialties@abem.org or call 517-332-4800, option 4.

- 4. What happens if I do not pass a module?** You will have three attempts to successfully complete any given module. HOWEVER, **you must wait three months**

to retake it. It is therefore recommended that you start requirement activities early so that you have sufficient time to successfully complete them in order to renew certification.

- 5. What is included in MyEMSCert modules?** MyEMSCert modules are composed of approximately 50 questions in each of the following areas:
- Clinical Knowledge Review based on module topic: 60%
 - Systems and Regulations review: 20%
 - Advances in the Literature (see FAQ #6): 20%

Questions related to Systems and Regulations and Advances in the Literature are not necessarily related to the module topic.

6. What types of questions are included as Advances in the Literature?

Advances in the Literature questions are based on current literature. Questions will be based on specific articles. The questions based on these articles will not necessarily be related to the module topic.

See the ABEM website for a list of the articles. There will be a link in your portal to the reading list and links to the articles.

- 7. How can I prepare for taking a MyEMSCert module?** You will want to read the articles associated with Advances in the Literature. Otherwise, MyEMSCert is open book, so study requirements are minimal. However, you must take the modules by yourself.

MyEMSCert modules are designed to promote learning while completing a module. The clinically oriented, highly relevant content makes up about 60 percent of each module. Physicians may use readily available, standard resources to look up a topic while completing a module.

Advances in the literature questions make up approximately 20 percent of the module's questions. To prepare for this section, we highly recommend that you read the articles associated with this section. The list of articles and links to each are available on the ABEM website; a link to this page will also be provided in your portal.

- 8. How do I get started with MyEMSCert?** It's simple. Sign into your ABEM portal at www.abem.org and follow the steps to register for MyEMSCert modules. However, you will not have access to the modules until February 2023.
- 9. Can I use a tablet or phone to complete the modules?** The MyEMSCert platform is not designed for phones, tablets, or iPads at this time. Although you may be able to access the platform, we recommend that you use a PC or laptop as images and questions may not display uniformly.
- 10. How long will I have to complete each module?** You will have 4 hours of total time to complete each module. However, you can pause the module while taking it.
- 11. What do I do if I need to stop in the middle of the module? Will I be able to come back?** MyEMSCert modules do include a Pause feature. If you choose to exit the module before you complete it, all your confirmed answers will be saved. You will receive a warning message when you press the button to explain what will happen. If you choose to leave without confirming an answer, you will not be able to return to this question and it will be scored as incorrect. When you re-enter the module, you will

see the next question. If you confirm an answer before pausing, you will see the feedback on your answer and will then be able to leave without penalty.

Note: MyEMSCert modules will time out after 15 minutes of inactivity due to security considerations. If you are inactive for 15 minutes, you will receive a warning that the system will automatically pause your module unless you take an action. If you have not confirmed the answer to the question you are on and the module times out after 15 minutes, the question you left off at will be marked as incorrect.

12. When I went back to complete a module I had already started, a pop-up notice came up that said I needed to refresh the app. Will I lose any of the answers I've already submitted if I refresh? No, you will not lose any answers when you refresh the application. The application was updated after the last time you were in the module, so refreshing is necessary to continue.

13. How can I find what my score was for each module I have taken? ABEM only provides pass or fail results. Individual scores are not available.

14. I took the Cardiac Arrest module, and there was an Advance in the Literature question about the use of video communication in paramedic responses that was related to cardiac arrest. Why was it there? Each MyEMSCert module consists of clinical knowledge review, which include questions related to the module topic, questions on Systems and Regulations, and questions on Advances in the Literature, which are based on a specific list of readings. Questions on Advances in the Literature and Systems and Regulations in each module will not necessarily share the same topic as the module. It is recommended you review all the Advances in the Literature articles prior to starting a module.

15. What does the cloud symbol on the top-right corner of my screen mean? The cloud symbol indicates whether your responses have been saved. A green check mark means your responses have been saved, and a red exclamation point means your answers have not been saved. During a PAUSE, the system will save the answers. Upon confirmation of all questions and when the Final Review and Submit are completed, the system will then Sync the confirmed answers for scoring. Do not leave the module or close your browser if there is a red exclamation mark.

16. How much will MyEMSCert cost? For those whose current certification is for a ten-year period, MyEMSCert modules will cost \$375 each. Taking four MyEMSCert modules in five years will cost \$1,500. Registering for a MyEMSCert module allows you three attempts to take and pass a specific module topic.

When your certification renews, you will be on a 5-year certification cycle and have an annual fee requirement. When you move to the five-year cycle, you will pay a flat \$300 annual fee, which provides access to ABEM's continuing certification activities. This fee replaces the cost of taking individual modules. The annual fee adds up to be the same \$1,500 cost distributed over five years. Additional information about the annual fee is available in the [5-year Continuing Certification Cycle and Annual Fee for MyEMSCert FAQs](#).

17. How do I obtain a receipt for my MyEMSCert module payment? While you are signed into the ABEM portal, click "Accounts" on the top right side of the screen. Click on "Orders" then "View Receipt" for the receipt you wish to obtain. You may print the receipt using the "Print" button at the top right corner of the screen.

- 18. Is CME available for completing MyEMSCert modules?** Yes, there will be an optional CME activity associated with successful completion of a MyEMSCert module. The cost is \$30 (subject to change) and credits are awarded by either AAEM or ACEP. The entire CME fee goes to AAEM or ACEP, not ABEM. You must register for the credits before taking a module. Credits cannot be awarded retroactively.

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