



# THE AMERICAN BOARD OF PATHOLOGY SELF ASSESSMENT MODULE (SAM) PROVIDER AGREEMENT

**Accredited CME providers may become approved American Board of Pathology (ABP) providers of Self-Assessment Modules (SAMs) for Part II requirements of the Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program.**

## **INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Step 1. Use a computer to fill in the information with MS Word.
- Step 2. When completed, print the agreement and sign at the bottom.
- Step 3. Submit the completed and signed agreement to the ABP via fax, e-mail, or US Mail. The ABP's decision will be mailed to the contact address entered below. Turnaround time is approximately two weeks.
- Fax to 813-289-5279, ATTN: MOC Coordinator **or**
  - Scan as pdf file and e-mail as an attachment to [ABP-MOC@abpath.org](mailto:ABP-MOC@abpath.org) **or**
  - Mail to 4830 W. Kennedy Blvd., Suite 690, Tampa, FL, 33609-2571, ATTN: MOC Coordinator

## **REQUIREMENTS OF SELF-ASSESSMENT MODULES (SAMs):**

1. Self-Assessment Modules (SAM) eligible for meeting MOC Part II requirements must be accredited AMA PRA Category 1 CME activities. Not all CME activities qualify as SAMs.
2. SAMs may include multiple different learning and delivery formats, including:
  - Live activities, with in-person or remote participation. These include conferences, workshops, seminars, and live internet webinars.
  - Enduring materials, including journals/print, audio, video, and internet materials. Examples are monographs, podcasts, CD-ROM, DVDs, archived webinars, and glass slide/virtual microscopy review programs.
3. SAMs must incorporate at least one of the following ABMS/ACGME competencies in their content.
  - Patient Care (PC)
  - Medical Knowledge (MK)
  - Practice-Based Learning and Improvement (PB)
  - Interpersonal and Communication Skills (IC)
  - Professionalism (PF)
  - Systems-Based Practice (SB)
4. Self-assessment modules must meet the core requirements for CME. These can be found and downloaded at <https://download.ama-assn.org/resources/doc/cme/x-pub/pr-a-booklet.pdf>.
5. All activities offered as SAM eligible CME must be clearly denoted as such in CME activity descriptions. All records documenting the participant's completion of the activity must be clearly labeled as SAMs credit.
6. A post-test is required for all SAMs. A pre-test is recommended to identify or demonstrate participant gaps in knowledge.
  - Participants must achieve a passing score on the post-test set by the provider (typically 75-80 %) to earn SAM credits for the course.
  - Participants may be allowed to take the post-test more than once in order to achieve a passing score.
  - Participants must be provided timely post-test feedback, including a brief explanation and/or reference(s) for the correct answer.
  - Post-tests and feedback may be offered online.
  - A minimum of two questions per half hour of CME is required

7. SAM Questions Structure and Content

- SAMs questions should test important concepts that are medically (clinically) relevant. Questions should link to the learning objectives.
- All questions must be multiple choice, single best answer with 3-5 choices. **True/false questions are not acceptable.**
- An ideal question is one that can be answered without looking at the choices. Higher order questions that require interpretation, judgment, or problem-solving are better than simple recall of information.
- Questions should be stated as a positive (do not use no, not, etc). Do not use “all of the following except”. Do not use absolutes such as “all”, “none”, “always” and “never”. “All of the above” or “none of the above” are not acceptable choices.
- Answer choices should be in alphabetical or numerical order and approximately the same length.
- Responses must be logical and homogenous (e.g. all IHC stains, all laboratory test results, all clinical associations).
- References should be provided when appropriate.
- A brief narrative/explanation of the correct answer must be provided.

8. All approved SAM providers will be required to submit an annual SAMs report to ABP. This report will be requested by ABP via email at the beginning of each year and must be received by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Failure to submit a SAMs report will result in suspension of SAM provider approval. Submit SAMs reports in Excel format via email to [ABP-MOC@abpath.org](mailto:ABP-MOC@abpath.org).

9. SAMs are subject to periodic, unannounced audit by ABP. The format of the audit is at the discretion of ABP and may include, course participation by Trustees, survey of diplomates, review of provider’s records, post-tests and etc.

**The Education Committee for (organization)**

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**has reviewed the above requirements of SAMs. The Committee agrees that all SAMs approved for administration by its organization will meet or exceed these requirements.**

<b>Contact Name:</b>	<b>Contact E-mail:</b>
<b>Contact Mailing Address:</b>	
<b>Web Address:</b>	

**I have read and agree to the SAM Provider Requirements.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Chair of the Education Committee Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Executive Director Signature**

<b>Printed Name:</b>	<b>Printed Name:</b>
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