

Everything You Need to Know About CME for MOCA Minute

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The American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians participating in the ABA's MOCA Minute program. In collaboration with the ABA, and informed by feedback from board-certified anesthesiologists, the ASA supports a streamlined, efficient process for reporting *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*[™] earned through MOCA Minute participation.

CME credits for MOCA Minute are reported on a quarterly schedule, and payment for non-ASA members is collected at the same interval. This approach ensures that MOCA Minute CME credits are recorded in the year they are completed and helps anesthesiologists stay on track with their annual MOCA requirements in a clear, organized and timely manner.

How do I get started?

To begin claiming *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*[™] for answering MOCA Minute questions, simply opt in during your annual MOCA registration. We recommend registering before the end of the first quarter to maximize the number of credits you may earn in a year.

How do I earn credits? How many credits can I claim in a year?

MOCA Minute questions are designed to be answered over time (e.g. 30 questions per quarter). Thus, after opting in, you will earn CME credits for answering 30 MOCA Minute questions in the quarter they were intended, for a total of 120 questions per year. You will still get CME credit if you do not answer questions correctly. You may earn up to 10 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*[™] in a year, or 2.5 for each quarter in which you answer the assigned 30 MOCA Minute questions, as illustrated in the chart below.

Q1 – MOCA <i>Jan. 1 – March 31</i> Questions Answered	Q2 – MOCA <i>April 1 – June 30</i> Questions Answered	Q3 – MOCA <i>July 1 – Sept. 30</i> Questions Answered	Q4 – MOCA <i>Oct 1. – Dec. 31</i> Questions Answered	CME Credits Earned
30	30	30	30	10
0	60	30	30	7.5
0	0	90	30	5
0	0	0	120	2.5

What happens if I answer all 120 MOCA Minute questions in the last quarter of the year?

We recommend answering MOCA Minute questions over time, rather than all at once to promote continuous learning and knowledge retention (you will also earn more CME credits if you answer MOCA Minute questions on a quarterly basis). You will only earn *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™* for answering 30 MOCA Minute questions in the quarter they are intended. For example, if you answered all 120 MOCA Minute questions in the final quarter of the year, you would earn 2.5 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*.

Is the ABA providing CME credit?

No, the ABA is not a CME provider and will not financially benefit from your participation in this opportunity. The ASA has accredited this program. Each quarter, we will provide the ASA with a report of everyone who has opted in and completed all 30 quarterly MOCA Minute questions. The ASA then uploads 2.5 credits to your ASA transcript and ABA GO portal within 30 days of receipt.

How much does it cost to participate?

Participation is free for ASA members. Non-ASA members will pay a \$40 quarterly processing fee to the ASA for each quarter in which they answer all 30 MOCA Minute questions. This processing fee is paid directly to the ASA and is separate from the annual MOCA program fee. Non-ASA members must pay the \$40 quarterly processing fee in their ASA Education Center account within 60 days of notification in order to claim that quarter's credit, as illustrated below.

- Quarter 1 (Jan. 1-March 31) credits – Non-member must purchase by June 1
- Quarter 2 (April 1-June 30) credits – Non-members must purchase by Sept. 1
- Quarter 3 (July 1-Sept. 30) credits – Non-members must purchase by Dec. 1
- Quarter 4 (Oct. 1-Dec. 31) credits – Non-members must purchase by April 1

Is my annual MOCA program fee waived if I participate?

No, ABA diplomates will still pay the annual MOCA program fee, regardless of their decision to participate in CME for MOCA Minute. The \$40 quarterly processing fee for non-ASA members is paid directly to the ASA as a separate charge.

Do I have to participate?

No, all ABA diplomates are invited to take advantage of this opportunity to earn CME for answering MOCA Minute questions, but participation is voluntary.

Can I start earning CME credit at any point in the year?

If you registered for MOCA and opted to earn CME, you can start earning *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™* at any point in the year. You must opt in at the time of registration. You will only receive credits for answering MOCA Minute questions in the quarter for which they were intended.

If I did not opt in during my annual MOCA registration, can I opt in later in the year?

If you do not opt in to claim AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ for answering MOCA Minute questions during your annual MOCA registration, you cannot update your selection. You will be able to opt in to participate during the following year's MOCA registration.

When will these CME credits be reported in my ABA GO portal?

The ABA provides the ASA with a quarterly report of participants who completed all 30 quarterly MOCA Minute questions. Once received, the ASA will upload 2.5 credits to your ASA transcript and ABA portal within 30 days.

Non-ASA members must pay the \$40 quarterly processing fee in their ASA Education Center account within 60 days of notification to claim credit. The ASA will then upload 2.5 credits to your ASA transcript and ABA portal within 24 hours of payment.

Please note that CME for MOCA Minute credits earned during the fourth calendar quarter (Oct. 1-Dec. 31) are not reported until the following year, so make sure you are not counting on these credits to fulfill your CME requirement in the final year of your cycle.