

# Registering CME Activities for MOC/CC, REMS, and MIPS Programs

This tutorial is designed to guide accredited CME providers through the process of registering their CME activities that count for Maintenance of Certification (MOC/CC), also known as Continuing or Continuous Certification (CC), into ACCME's [Program and Activity Reporting System \(PARS\)](#). This guide also goes through the processes of registering activities for REMS and MIPS.

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## Overview

All CME providers accredited within the ACCME system use PARS to enter data about their CME activities. CME providers can also use PARS to register activities for MOC/CC by attesting to compliance with the requirements from the respective certifying board(s) and filling out additional information about the activity.

Activities registered for MOC/CC should be entered in PARS prior to the activity taking place and before the accredited provider advertises or promotes the activity. The activity must be entered into PARS and registered for MOC/CC before learner participation can be reported. The ACCME strongly encourages providers to register their MOC/CC activities in PARS as soon as possible as this will allow for timely learner completion reporting. In addition, the activity can appear in [CME Passport](#), an online search tool for physician learners.

Before you register an activity in PARS for MOC/CC, you will need to ensure that the activity is planned as meeting MOC/CC program requirements. The [CME for MOC Program Guide](#) goes into detail outlining the requirements for offering MOC/CC credit.

## Collaborating Boards

The ACCME is currently collaborating with the following certifying boards. The table provides their credit types as listed in PARS. If you are looking to offer MOC/CC credit for a board that is not listed, please contact the certifying board directly for more information on their MOC/CC program.

Board and Program Name	Accredited CME	Accredited CME with Evaluation and Feedback	Accredited CME Improvement Activity	Accredited Patient Safety CME
<b>ABA</b> MOC/CCA 2.0® - Maintenance of Certification in Anesthesiology Program®	Lifelong Learning	N/A	N/A	Patient Safety
<b>ABIM</b> MOC/CC Assessment Recognition Program	N/A	Medical Knowledge	Practice Assessment	Patient Safety
<b>ABOHNS</b> Continuing Certification	N/A	Self-Assessment	Improvement in Medical Practice	Patient Safety
<b>ABOS</b> Maintenance of Certification	Accredited CME	Self-Assessment Examination	N/A	N/A
<b>ABPath</b> Continuing Certification	Lifelong Learning	N/A	Improvement in Health and Healthcare	N/A
<b>ABP</b> Maintenance of Certification	N/A	Lifelong Learning & Self-Assessment	N/A	N/A
<b>ABS</b> Continuous Certification	Accredited CME	Self-Assessment	N/A	N/A
<b>ABTS</b> Continuing Certification	Accredited CME	Self-Assessment	Practice Assessment	Patient Safety

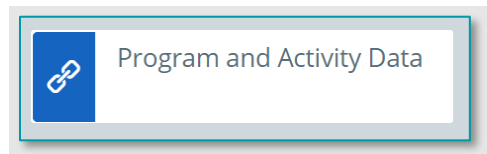
## Registration Methods

There are several different ways to register a CME activity for MOC/CC in PARS.

- You can enter the activity information manually using the web form within the PARS interface.
- You can batch upload activities registered for MOC/CC using an Excel or XML template file.
- You can utilize [ACCME web services](#) to add and register CME activities as offering MOC/CC.

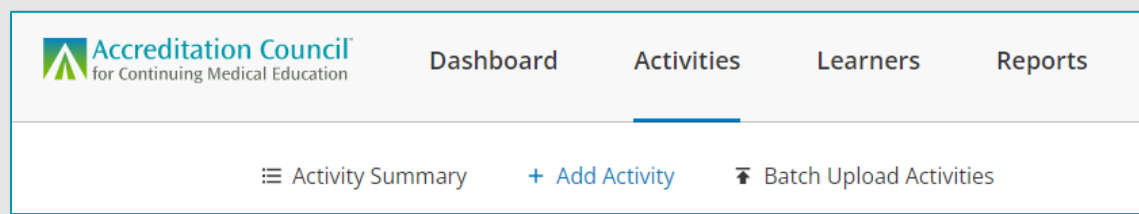
## Accessing PARS

Any individual who is listed as a contact in your organization's profile can enter activities and register them for MOC/CC in PARS. To access the activity reporting screen, log into PARS and click the Program and Activity Data button on the home screen. Log into PARS [here](#)



## Adding an Activity in PARS for MOC/CC

To add a new activity, you can select the Add Activity option under the Activities tab.



Before you can fill out the MOC/CC registration fields you will enter basic information about the activity, including the title, format, date/location information, CME credits, description, and information for CME Passport.

ADD AN ACTIVITY

Let's start with the basics for the activity.


What's the name of the activity \*

What is the activity format? \*

- Live Course  
An activity where the learner participates in real-time at a specific date/time.
- Regularly Scheduled Series  
An activity that is a series of multiple, ongoing sessions, primarily planned by and presented to the organization's professional staff.
- Enduring Material  
An activity where the content is available for the learner to complete at a time and place of the learner's choosing.

On the Information for Learners step, scroll down the page to the Maintenance of Certification section. To register an activity for MOC/CC, select yes.

In addition to offering CME credit, is this activity being registered for any of the following programs?

MOC   
Maintenance of Certification

Yes  No

Once you select “Yes” a section will expand with all certifying boards currently collaborating with the ACCME. You can select as many certifying boards as applicable and relevant to your activity.

Which certifying boards are you registering this MOC activity for? \*

- American Board of Anesthesiology
- American Board of Internal Medicine
- American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery
- American Board of Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery
- American Board of Pathology
- American Board of Pediatrics
- American Board of Surgery
- American Board of Thoracic Surgery

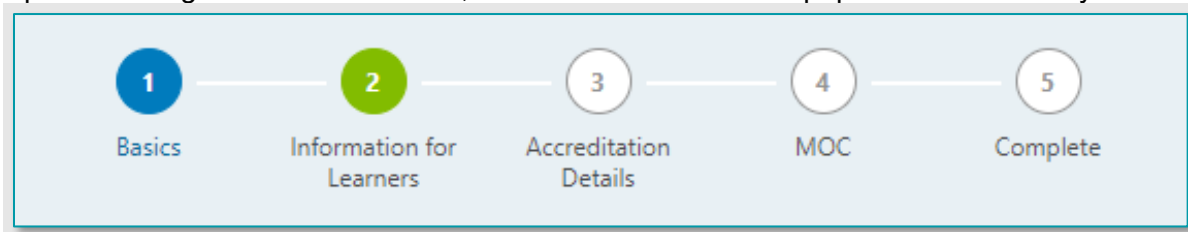
Please select a certifying board.

Selected boards will then appear on the page. To remove a board, click the X to the right of the board.

Which certifying boards are you registering this MOC activity for? \*

- American Board of Anesthesiology X
- American Board of Internal Medicine X

Upon selecting one or more boards, the MOC/CC section will populate in the activity form.



Once you have added any relevant accreditation details to your activity, you can add information for each certifying board registered including the relevant practice areas, credit types, and point values.

American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM)

SELECT THE PRACTICE AREA(S) THAT MOST CLOSELY DESCRIBE THE CONTENT OF YOUR ACTIVITY. \*

Adolescent Medicine

Adult Congenital Heart Disease

Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology

Cardiovascular Disease

Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology

Critical Care Medicine

Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism

Gastroenterology

Geriatric Medicine

Hematology

Hospice and Palliative Medicine

Hospital Medicine

Infectious Disease

Internal Medicine

Interventional Cardiology

Medical Oncology

Nephrology

Pulmonary Disease

Rheumatology

Sleep Medicine

Sports Medicine

Transplant Hepatology

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PLEASE INDICATE THE TYPE(S) OF MOC CREDIT FOR WHICH YOU ARE REGISTERING THIS ACTIVITY:

Medical Knowledge

Patient Safety

Practice Assessment

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HOW MANY POINTS DOES THIS ACTIVITY OFFER FOR ABIM? \*

1

If the board has a content outline, you can select designated topics and/or tags from a drop-down list

SELECT UP TO 2 CONTENT AREAS FROM THE MOCA CONTENT OUTLINE THAT APPLY TO THIS ACTIVITY.

PAIN MEDICINE
▼

- ▼ General
  - > Anatomy and Physiology: Mechanisms of Nociceptive Transmission
Select
  - > Pharmacology of Pain Transmission and Modulation
Select
  - ▼ Designing, Reporting, and Interpreting Clinical Research Studies about Treatments for Pain: Evidence-Based Medicine
Select
    - Cohort Studies: Use to Determine Natural History and Predictors of Outcome
Select
    - Components of Clinical Trials
Select

Once the program information is filled out for your certifying board(s), you can fill out the credit claim date and attest to meeting any MOC/CC requirements.

What is the last day a learner can claim MOC credit?  
MOC CREDIT DEADLINE

Program Attestation

By checking this box, I attest that I:

- have reviewed the policies of the certifying boards selected in the [CME for MOC Program Guide](#) and determined that this activity meets all outlined requirements;

If all required information is entered, the activity will successfully register for the certifying board. If information is missing, this will be indicated upon submission.

Activity successfully added  
Activity ID: 210016939

- MOC for American Board of Anesthesiology (ABA) [Missing Required Information]
  - Lifelong Learning
  - Patient Safety
- MOC for American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM)
  - Medical Knowledge
  - Patient Safety

[Add Another Activity](#)

[View All Activities](#) →

## Troubleshooting Activity Issues

### Why won't my activity save?

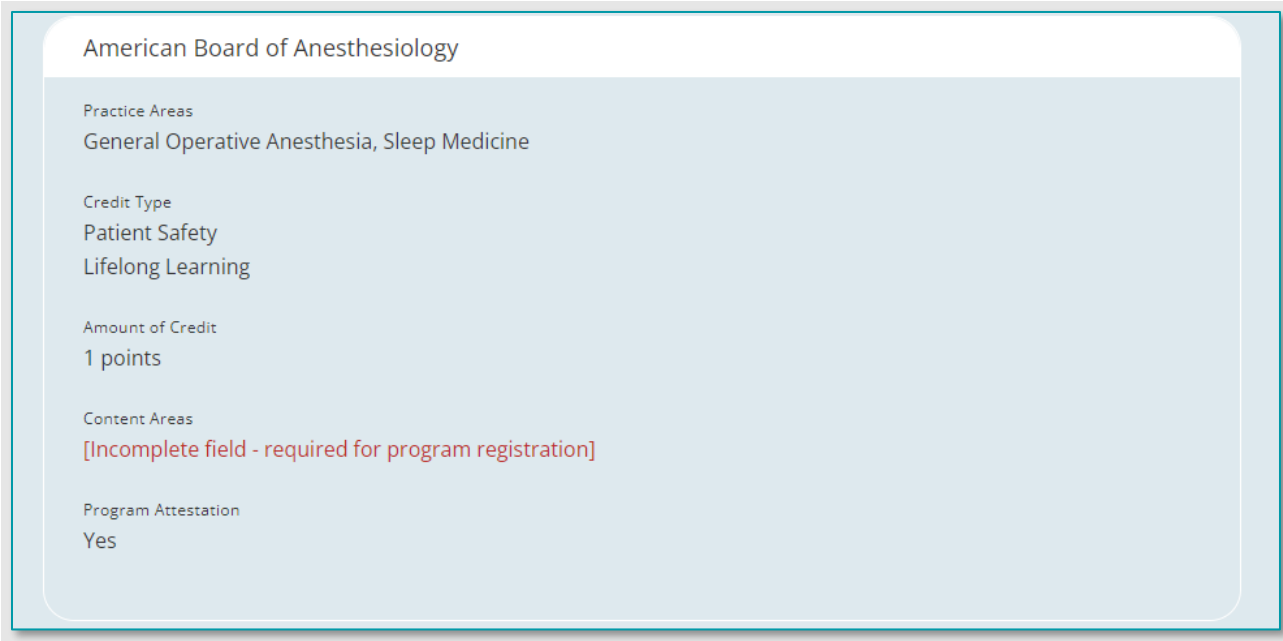
If you attempt to save an activity with invalid information, you cannot move forward in the form. Anything which needs attention will have red text below the entry field.

HOW MANY POINTS DOES THIS ACTIVITY OFFER FOR ABIM? \*

MOC credit value must be less than CME value listed.

### Why isn't my activity fully registered for MOC/CC?

If there is missing information this will appear in the details for the activity once it is saved. You can add in any required fields by clicking the edit button in the top right of the section.



American Board of Anesthesiology

Practice Areas  
General Operative Anesthesia, Sleep Medicine

Credit Type  
Patient Safety  
Lifelong Learning

Amount of Credit  
1 points

Content Areas  
[Incomplete field - required for program registration]

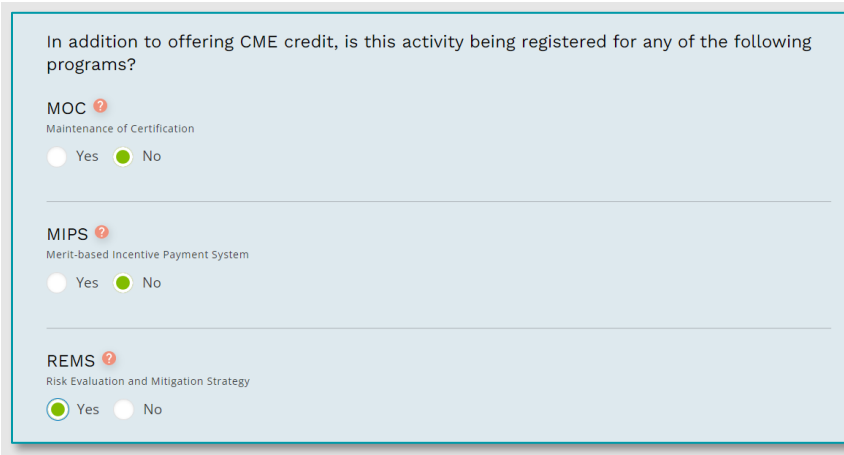
Program Attestation  
Yes

### Why can't I delete my activity?


You cannot delete an activity once individual learners have had completion reported for the activity.


## Registering Activities for REMS


If you have received a grant through the REMS RPC, you will need to indicate which activities are REMS activities in PARS. You can do this via the manual web form, or by XML batch and web services. More information on these batch/automated methods can be found in the instructions for each upload type. You should only register activities which will be subject to invoice/audit. To do this in the web form, simply indicate Yes in the information for learners section regarding additional programs.



In addition to offering CME credit, is this activity being registered for any of the following programs?

**MOC**   
Maintenance of Certification  
 Yes  No

**MIPS**   
Merit-based Incentive Payment System  
 Yes  No

**REMS**   
Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy  
 Yes  No



Once you have indicated that this is a REMS activity, choose which REMS for which you received the grant.

Which REMS does this activity support? \*

- + Mycophenolate REMS
- + Opioid Analgesic REMS

Further in the form, you will be required to enter the assigned RPC activity ID and attest that you are meeting REMS program requirements.

Opioid Analgesic REMS

RPC ID

PROGRAM ATTESTATION

By checking this box, you attest that this activity is commercially supported by the REMS Program Companies (RPC) and you agree to:

The activity details will indicate if the activity is successfully registered for a REMS program, or if the activity is still missing required information.

Additional FDA/REMS Information [Edit](#)

Opioid Analgesic REMS

RPC ID  
[Incomplete field - required for program registration]

Attestation Complete  
Yes

Once the activity is fully registered, it can be invoiced, and learners can be reported under the activity.



## Registering Activities for MIPS

You can register an activity as a MIPS activity via PARS via web form, Excel and XML batch uploads, and via web service. More information on these batch/automated methods can be found in the instructions for each upload type.

To do this in the web form, simply indicate Yes in the information for learner section regarding additional programs.

In addition to offering CME credit, is this activity being registered for any of the following programs?

**MOC** ?  
Maintenance of Certification

Yes  No

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**MIPS** ?  
Merit-based Incentive Payment System

Yes  No

The AMA credit amount you entered (2 credits) is lower than average for MIPS requirements. Please ensure that your activity meets the [MIPS requirements](#) prior to proceeding. If this amount is correct, please disregard this message.

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**REMS** ?  
Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy

Yes  No

## Technical Resources

The newest versions of batch templates, XML specs and technical instructions can be found on our [website](#).

If you have any questions about the PARS learner reporting process, please email us at [info@accme.org](mailto:info@accme.org).