Guide to Your ACCME Decision

For Providers in the July 2026 Cohort

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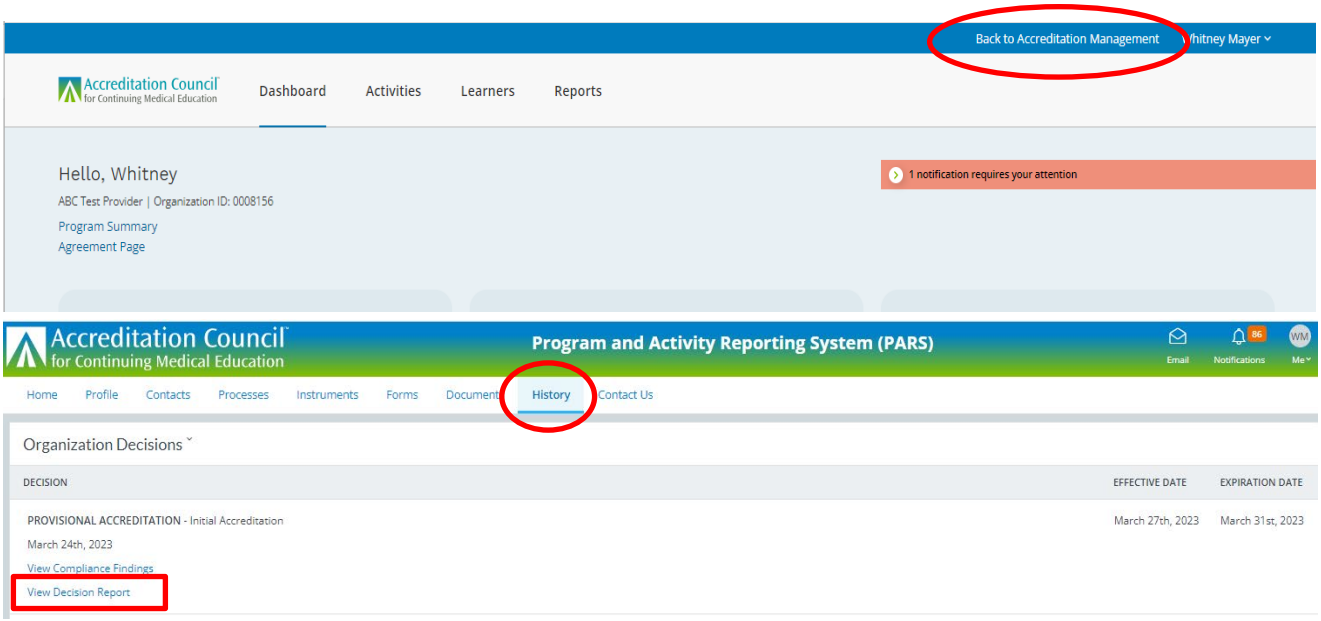
Introduction

Your Decision

Upon completing the initial accreditation, reaccreditation, progress report, or reconsideration review process, your organization will receive an individualized ACCME decision in the ACCME's Program and Activity Reporting System (PARS). The decision is the ACCME's formal notification of your organization's accreditation status and accreditation term. The decision summarizes the ACCME's findings related to your compliance with the Accreditation Requirements. The decision will indicate if other actions are required, such as a progress report for providers receiving reaccreditation or progress report decisions, or an activity review for providers receiving initial accreditation decisions. The decision might also contain specific language that explains ACCME's findings for some requirements.

Accessing Your Decision

You will access your organization's decision report from your PARS dashboard (https://pars.accme.org). The screenshots below will guide you to the information you need to review the decision. First, click on the "**Back to Accreditation Management**" link. Then, click on the "**HISTORY**" tab, where you will see the most recent decision at the top, including your new term's expiration date. Next, click on "**View Decision Report**" to see your decision, including compliance findings and, as applicable, descriptions of performance for the ACCME Criteria, Standards, and Policies reviewed.



Decision Report Findings

In your decision report, there will be findings for each Criterion, Standard, and Policy:

Compliance (C): *ACCME requirements* ***MET*** *for the specific Criterion, Standard, or Policy.*

Noncompliance (NC): *ACCME requirements* ***NOT MET*** *for the specific Criterion, Standard, or Policy.*

Accreditation Status

The accreditation decision-making process assesses a CME provider's compliance with applicable Accreditation Requirements. Based on a provider's compliance findings, the ACCME determines the provider's accreditation status. Information and specific requirements for each accreditation status is described below.

Provisional Accreditation

Initial applicants seeking to achieve Provisional Accreditation, a two-year term, must demonstrate compliance with the Core Accreditation Criteria and with applicable Standards for Integrity and Independence in Accredited Continuing Education.

Accreditation Statement

With Provisional Accreditation, your organization is an ACCME-accredited provider. As an ACCME-accredited provider, your organization is responsible for using the ACCME accreditation statement to identify itself as the entity responsible for demonstrating compliance with ACCME accreditation requirements. The ACCME accreditation statement must appear on CME activity materials and brochures distributed by accredited organizations, with the exception, for example, of save-the-date activity announcements that contain only general, preliminary information about the activity, such as the date, location, and title. If more specific information is included, such as faculty and objectives, the accreditation statement must be included.

Activity Review

Your organization, as a newly accredited provider, is required to have an **Activity Review** to be eligible to advance from Provisional Accreditation to Accreditation. The Activity Review is in addition to the ACCME's standard performance-in-practice review and entails: 1) the observation of a CME activity of any type, as presented to learners, by an ACCME surveyor or staff member and 2) the observer's completion of the ACCME Activity Review Form. Typically, the ACCME will use one of the activities selected for performance-in-practice review, usually an enduring material or an enduring or live internet activity. The ACCME will confirm the arrangements to fulfill this requirement in coordination with your organization's July 2028 reaccreditation review.

Reporting CME Activity Data

Your organization must enter information for all activities, directly or jointly provided, offered under the umbrella of your ACCME accreditation statement and fulfill year-end reporting requirements in the ACCME's **Program and Activity Reporting System (PARS)**.

Provider Contact Information

Your organization must maintain current, accurate contact information in PARS to ensure that you receive important policy updates, as well as information specific to your organization. To protect the best interests of all parties, the ACCME generally limits communications to persons identified as authorized contacts by the provider in PARS.

Annual Accreditation Fee

Your organization is responsible for the timely submission of the fees that are required either to attain or maintain accreditation, including the Annual Accreditation Fee payable by January 31 of each year. Failure to meet ACCME deadlines could result in an immediate change of status to Probation and subsequent consideration by the Board of Directors for a change of status to Nonaccreditation.

Educational Opportunities

The ACCME offers educational opportunities and resources to support the professional development of CME providers and system stakeholders:

- The ACCME's Annual Meeting, “Learn to Thrive”, which includes a “Getting Started” pre-conference, is offered in the Spring each year. The ACCME’s Accreditation Workshop, a two-day intensive course that focuses on the ACCME’s Accreditation Requirements, is offered in the Summer each year. Information about these events is accessible from the Events webpage of the ACCME’s website.
- The ACCME Academy, ACCME’s online learning system, provides access to multimedia, interactive courses, and resources designed to support providers in understanding the ACCME’s Accreditation Requirements. The ACCME Academy is described HERE on the ACCME’s website. All ACCME-accredited providers are eligible for three complimentary user accounts in ACCME Academy, which allows access to numerous courses covering a range of topics. For more information about the ACCME Academy, please reach out to academy@accme.org.
- Education and support are also available on the ACCME website, www.accme.org, related to the Accreditation Requirements, MOC, and PARS, for example. Included, as well, are Examples of Compliance and Noncompliance, which enable providers and CME stakeholders to learn from each other and to understand ACCME’s expectations.

Accreditation with Commendation

Accreditation with Commendation is a six-year term of accreditation awarded to accredited providers that demonstrate compliance in the Core Accreditation Criteria, applicable Standards for Integrity and Independence in Accredited Continuing Education, and in eight criteria from the Menu of Commendation Criteria, including at least one criterion from the “Achieves Outcomes” category. The ACCME encourages providers that achieve Accreditation with Commendation to publicize this accomplishment. It is important to the ACCME that the healthcare community is aware of this achievement. The Accreditation with Commendation mark is available to support your communications. Please see the policies on ACCME Logo Usage and Publicizing ACCME Accreditation.

Accreditation

Accreditation is the standard four-year term awarded to providers for demonstrating compliance in the Core Accreditation Criteria and with applicable Standards for Integrity and Independence in Accredited Continuing Education. Providers that receive one or more noncompliance findings in these requirements, and potentially in applicable Accreditation Policies, receive Accreditation with the standard four-year term and are required to submit a progress report.

Probation

Probation is given to providers that have serious problems meeting the Accreditation Requirements. A provider that receives Probation is required to submit a progress report. Most providers on Probation implement improvements quickly, return to a status of Accreditation, and sustain compliance. Providers cannot remain on Probation for longer than two years. Providers with a status of Accreditation may have their status changed to Probation if their progress reports do not demonstrate correction of noncompliance issues. While on Probation, a provider may not act as a joint provider of CME activities with non-accredited entities, except for those activities that were contracted prior to the decision of Probation. If a provider receives a decision of Probation in two consecutive terms, it will be prohibited from acting as a joint provider, in any instance, until the provider regains a status of Accreditation.

Nonaccreditation

Nonaccreditation decisions occur when:

- An initial applicant is in noncompliance with any one of Core Accreditation Criteria and/or applicable Standards for Integrity and Independence in Accredited Continuing Education.
- A Provisionally Accredited provider has serious noncompliance issues.
- A provider on Probation fails to bring all areas of noncompliance into compliance in one or more progress reports within two years.
- A provider demonstrates recurrent noncompliance in the Standards for Integrity and Independence in Accredited Continuing Education, receives multiple decisions of Probation, and/or engages in joint providership while on Probation in violation of the joint providership policy.

Progress Report Required

The ACCME expects providers found to be in noncompliance with Core Accreditation Criteria and/or applicable Standards for Integrity and Independence in Accredited Continuing Education, and potentially with applicable Accreditation Policies, to demonstrate compliance through the progress report process.

A standard progress report review fee will be required. Please see the ACCME-accredited provider fee schedule. The fee is due upon receipt of the invoice that will be transmitted separately from the decision notification.

A progress report serves as an important opportunity for a provider to demonstrate that it has mechanisms in place to make improvements to its CME program. The requirement to improve is an integral part of the ACCME's accreditation system. If all Core Accreditation Criteria and/or applicable Standards for Integrity and Independence in Accredited Continuing Education, and potentially Accreditation Policies, found to be in noncompliance are not corrected, the ACCME may require another progress report, a focused interview, and/or a change of status may result.

Determining if a Progress Report is Required

From the "History" tab, click on "View Decision Report" located under the most current accreditation decision. Your decision report will open in a separate browser window. At the top of the compliance grid, you will find additional information related to your decision, including whether your organization is required to submit a progress report and the cohort the progress report will be reviewed.

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ACCME Decision Report

Organization Name	M2020 Initial Test
ACCME Organization ID	0008182
Decision Type	Reaccreditation
Accreditation Status Awarded	Accreditation
Term	09/24/2023 - 10/31/2023
Is Progress Report Required?	Yes
Next Decision Date	10/01/2025

If, as a result of the ACCME's decision, your organization is required to submit a progress report, please download the ACCME Guide to the Progress Report Process: For Progress Reports to be Reviewed in the March, July, and November 2027 Cohorts and the Progress Report Milestones for July 2026 Cohort Decisions Requiring a Progress Report document for information about the timeline and requirements of the ACCME's progress report process.

Your Accreditation Responsibilities

The ACCME expects all accredited providers to take an active, ongoing role in maintaining compliance with accreditation requirements, fulfilling their responsibilities, and improving their CME programs during their accreditation terms.

- Maintain compliance with Accreditation Requirements.
- Fulfill year-end reporting requirements in the Program and Activity Reporting System (PARS).
- Pay accreditation fees in a timely manner, according to ACCME policy.
- Inform the ACCME of organizational changes.
- If requested, provide evidence of your continuous compliance with the accreditation requirements.

ACCME Accreditation Requirements

Your organization's next reaccreditation will be based on demonstration of compliance with the Core Accreditation Criteria, applicable Standards for Integrity and Independence in Accredited Continuing Education, and applicable Accreditation Policies. The Menu of Commendation Criteria is an option for providers in reaccreditation review seeking Accreditation with Commendation. Compliance will be determined based on three sources of data: the self-study report that includes narrative descriptions and document uploads to demonstrate your organization's structure, policies, and processes; evidence of performance-in-practice from a sample of your organization's CME activities; and the accreditation interview that clarifies the submitted materials and/or identifies missing or other materials essential to the review.

Accredited Provider Mark

Providers accredited within the ACCME System (providers directly accredited by the ACCME and those accredited by ACCME Recognized Accreditors) are welcome to use the ACCME Accredited mark for educational and identification purposes, and in announcements related to their attainment of ACCME accreditation. While the mark may be resized, the original aspect ratio should be maintained. Except for resizing, no other changes can be made. Please refer to the ACCME's policy on logo usage before downloading or using these images.