



Examination Agreement

Before you begin your online Certification Examination Registration...

There are requirements that must be met in order to qualify for testing. Please read the below carefully. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this information, contact the AAPC examination department at 800-626-2633.

1. I understand in order for this examination registration to be complete, the registration process must be completed online. If online registration is not possible the paper application can be mailed, faxed, or emailed at least four weeks prior to the examination date.
2. I understand my examination payment will be processed whether or not my application is accepted, and it may be applied to a future examination date.
3. I understand my registration will not be processed if I have any unpaid balances with AAPC.
4. I understand if I cancel my examination registration less than 14 days prior to my examination date, I will be charged \$25.00 for a late cancellation fee. I also understand if I do not show for my examination and haven't cancelled my registration, I will be charged a \$50.00 no show fee. Until this fee is received, I will not be allowed to schedule for exam date.
5. I understand my examination fee is nonrefundable and nontransferable and must be used within one year of purchase date or payment will be forfeit.
6. Upon approval of application, I will receive a confirmation via email. A confirmation will be available online at www.aapc.com. Under the MyAAPC area locate the Purchases/Items option, then clicking on the Exam tab. I understand if a confirmation is not showing, I may not be registered for the examination, and an exam may not be sent to the proctor.
7. I understand I am strongly encouraged to bring current editions of the CPT® (AMA Standard or Professional version only), ICD-9-CM, and HCPCS Level II manuals. I understand no other reference material besides officially published errata update sheets for these manuals may be used and manuals may not be shared. Furthermore, if I do not have the current manuals, I understand I will be at a disadvantage.
8. I understand my books are subject to examination by the proctors. Tabs may be inserted, taped, pasted, glued, or stapled in the manuals so long as the obvious intent of the tab is to earmark a page with words or numbers, not supplement information in the book. I also understand no other materials may be inserted, taped, glued, or stapled in my books. Writing is allowed in the manuals. Handwritten notes are acceptable in the coding books only if they pertain to daily coding activities. Questions from the Study Guides, Practice Exams or the Exam itself are prohibited. If the proctors determine my books contain inappropriate material, I understand I may be denied use of my own books during the examination at the proctors' discretion. Should use of my books be disallowed, the proctors are not responsible to provide replacement books for my use during the examination and I may choose to sit for the examination at a later date.
9. I understand exams are updated annually (on January 1) and reflect current calendar year codes.
10. I agree to respect the authority of the proctors and treat them courteously.
11. AAPC is not responsible for lost examinations. I understand the proctors are responsible for mailing examinations back to AAPC. The proctors should send the examinations in a way so tracking is possible.
12. I understand in order to receive exam results I must have a current membership and results will be available online with the official result documents being mailed within two to four weeks.
13. I understand all examinations are the sole property of AAPC and will not be returned to me.
14. I understand in order to maintain my certification, I must renew my membership annually with AAPC, pay any late fees that may apply, and submit the required continuing education units (CEUs) every two years.
15. I understand all examination materials are the sole property of AAPC and all information contained therein is strictly confidential. Additionally, no part of the examination may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system, or transmitted in any form, or by any means—graphically, electronically, verbally, or mechanically, including photocopying, recording, or taping, without expressed written permission from the publisher. If this proprietary information is disclosed, I understand that such disclosure would constitute a violation of copyright laws and my certification will be revoked.
16. I hereby certify I have read, understand, and agree to abide by AAPC's Code of Ethics. If this code is violated as determined by the discretion of AAPC, at anytime thereafter, may result in the loss of all credentials conferred upon me by AAPC and of my membership with AAPC.
17. Electronic Signatures: You acknowledge by clicking on the "I Agree" or similar button at the certification examination application, you are indicating your intent to sign the relevant document or record and this shall constitute your signature.
18. I understand all exams go through the same quality checks and grading process to ensure the accuracy of the final score. I understand the AAPC does not hand score individual examinations.

I have read and understand the above information and agree to adhere by these guidelines. I understand any rules are not followed can, and may, result in disqualification of the examination and decertification of the proctors, as well as forfeiture of any monies invested. Additionally, disclosure of proprietary information may result in civil and/or criminal prosecution at the discretion of AAPC.