

Non- ACAMS Credits

Policies and eligibility criteria.





The recertification process ensures our members maintain and enhance their expertise after obtaining credentials with ACAMS.

One of the reasons that ACAMS credentials are so widely recognized is that they are 'live' credentials and not 'once and done' qualifications. We require our credentialed Members to maintain their knowledge through training, education, and other professional development activities and to evidence their continuing education credits through the process we call Recertification. A specific amount of these credits must be earned through ACAMS-provided training, and the balance may be attained via external training.

ACAMS recognizes only two types of credits for recertification purposes: ACAMS credits and non-ACAMS credits.

ACAMS Credits:

These are earned from ACAMS-hosted activities such as virtual classrooms, webinars, events, certificates, and certifications. These are tracked and added automatically to our members' profiles.

Non-ACAMS Credits:

These are earned from any source other than ACAMS. These are not added automatically to members' profiles. Instead, members are responsible for providing their proof of participation to ACAMS.

The criteria for an external activity to count for non-ACAMS credits is outlined below:

- ✓ Be related to the subject matter; AFC – AML/CTF, Sanctions, etc.
- ✓ Meet a minimum of one hour of continuous learning.
- ✓ Provide proof of participation after completion. All documentation submitted to ACAMS needs to clearly state the participant's name, the training's title, date, and the number of credits.
- ✓ Be completed before the end of the recertification cycle.
- ✓ The activity must be synchronous. No asynchronous activities will be accepted.

Recertification Activities:

ACAMS members can secure recertification credits in any of the following ways:

1. Full-time **professional experience** in the industry or related fields (for the public and private sector).
2. Uninterrupted **membership** with ACAMS.
3. Attendance at a **conference, workshop, seminar, webinar, symposium, or educational training session hosted by ACAMS.**
4. Attendance at a **LIVE conference, workshop, seminar, webinar, symposium, or educational training session related to the subject matter.** Also, completing a



compliance school or other professional certifications and licenses within the three-year recertification cycle (including CPA, CFE, MICA, CPP, or similar credentials). Recorded events provided by 3rd parties do not qualify.

5. **Instructor, speaker, panelist, or moderator** at a conference, workshop, seminar, symposium, or training session on the subject or related topics.
6. **Authorship of a published work** on the topic or related. It could be authorship or contribution to a published book or authorship of a published article/booklet.
7. **Volunteer Service:**
 - a. Active member of the ACAMS Advisory Board or an ACAMS Chapter Executive Board (criteria for active participation will be set forth and evaluated by each board or committee)
 - b. Member of an Executive Committee, Board of Directors, or Advisory Board of a professional association that directly contributes to industry professionals' development and continuing education.
 - c. Service on a host committee for an annual or major conference on the subject or related topics.
 - d. Delegate to an international body (i.e., FATF, CFATF, etc.) whose mission relates to the subject.
8. **Other Accomplishments:**
 - a. Testimony in a court as an expert witness on the subject or related topics.
 - b. Special activities related to the topic. Acceptance and credit assessment is at the discretion of ACAMS.



Recertification Credits Policy:

Associate-level certifications (CKYCA, CTMA, CAFCA): A total of **2 ACAMS credits** must be accumulated within a one-year cycle.

- Please note that this means non-ACAMS credits will not count toward this requirement.

Specialist-level certification, CAMS: A total of **60 continuing education credits** must be accumulated within a three-year cycle.

- Minimum twelve (12) credits must be earned from ACAMS-provided training (ACAMS credits).
 - Credits earned from other providers will not count towards the 12 credits of required ACAMS-provided training.
- Continuing education credits will not be granted for activities completed before obtaining the certification or the most recent recertification.
- The deadline for earning continuing education credits is December 15 of the recertification year.

Specialist-level certification, CGSS: A total of **30 continuing education credits** must be accumulated within a three-year cycle.

- Minimum fifteen (15) credits must be earned from ACAMS-provided training (ACAMS credits).
 - Credits earned from other providers will not count towards the 15 credits of required ACAMS-provided training.
- Four (4) of the 30 credits required to recertify must be on the topic of sanctions.
- Continuing education credits will not be granted for activities completed before obtaining the certification or the most recent recertification.
- The deadline for earning continuing education credits is December 15 of the recertification year.

Advanced specialist-level certifications (CAMS-Audit, CAMS-FCI, CAMS-RM): A total of **45 continuing education credits** must be accumulated within a three-year cycle.

- Minimum fifteen (15) credits must be earned from ACAMS training events.
 - Credits earned from other providers will not count towards the 15 credits of required ACAMS-provided training.
- Continuing education credits will not be granted for activities completed before obtaining the certification or the most recent recertification.
- The deadline for earning continuing education credits is December 15 of the recertification year.