



2014-2015 ACCME® Accreditation Fees

This information outlines the fees charged to ACCME Accredited Providers. These fees are subject to change. The following information does not apply to CME providers accredited by a state medical society or those that are jointly accredited. Providers accredited by a state medical society should contact their accreditor, and jointly accredited providers should visit <http://www.jointaccreditation.org/>.

Note: card payments are not accepted for all types of fees; please check your invoice for restrictions.

FEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Annual Accreditation Fee <i>(See attached Q&A.)</i>	Fee for annual accreditation services provided by ACCME <i>(Payable by January 31 of each year)</i>	2014: \$ 5,300 2015: \$ 5,300
Pre-application Fee	Fee for the consideration of a <u>Pre-application for ACCME Accreditation</u>	2014: \$ 1,200 2015: TBD
Initial Accreditation Fee	Fee for the consideration of a <u>Self-Study for Initial Accreditation</u>	2014: \$ 8,000 2015: \$ 8,000
Reaccreditation Fee <i>(See attached Q&A.)</i>	Fee for the consideration of a Self-Study for Reaccreditation	\$ 0 <i>(As of 2014, the Reaccreditation Fee has been eliminated.)</i>
Expenses for Survey Interview *	Reimbursement for expenses, including travel expenses, incurred by ACCME accreditation surveyors in conjunction with the survey portion of the initial and reaccreditation processes. Amount varies by survey format; see description in the "Amount" column for more detail.	Conference Call 2014: \$100 2015: TBD
		Face-to-Face Tele-video On-site actual costs (average is ~\$2,000)
Extension Fee	Fee for a one-time, four-month extension of a provider's accreditation term and/or decision cycle	2014: \$ 1,500 2015: TBD
Progress Report Fee	Fee for the consideration of an accreditation progress report	2014: \$ 1,700 2015: TBD

* **Expenses for Survey Interview:** All providers applying for initial accreditation or reaccreditation are required to participate in an ACCME survey. Providers participating in an On-Site, Face-to-Face or Televideo survey will be billed for the surveyors' actual travel, meal, and incidental expenses (incurred in accordance with ACCME's policies regarding reimbursable expenses for volunteers). Providers participating in a Conference Call survey will pay a flat fee to cover ACCME expenses. These expenses are billed separately from and are in addition to the Initial Accreditation Fee or Annual Fee.

In addition to the costs billed by the ACCME, the provider may incur additional expenses, e.g., travel expenses for representatives of the provider to come to Chicago, rental of a facility for a televideo connection, cost of the televideo connection itself, etc. These additional costs are the responsibility of the provider.

Additional Information Regarding Fees

Non-payment of Fees: 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.

Nonaccreditation or Voluntary Withdrawal of Accreditation: Providers that receive Nonaccreditation decisions are responsible for payment of all fees, including the Annual Accreditation Fee, and submission of all required documents until the effective date of Nonaccreditation. Failure to do so will result in immediate Nonaccreditation.

If an applicant for reaccreditation cannot meet the ACCME's accreditation process deadlines, its accreditation term may be extended, by four months, with written request from the applicant. Organizations that are granted extensions are subject to the fees that were payable according to the original expiration date of their current accreditation term. The accreditation status of a provider will automatically revert to Nonaccreditation at the end of their accreditation term unless the ACCME has taken action to extend their term of accreditation or the ACCME has rendered a new accreditation decision.

No rebates will be given for Annual Accreditation Fees collected from providers requesting voluntary withdrawal or those not seeking reaccreditation.

Q&A

ACCME Fee Structure Change

How has the fee structure changed for ACCME-accredited providers?

As of 2014, the ACCME eliminated the reaccreditation fee. The ACCME will continue to assess separate fees for one-time and as-needed services, including pre-applications, initial accreditation, survey team expenses, extensions, and progress reports.

Why did the ACCME implement this fee structure change?

The ACCME Board of Directors made this decision in order to simplify the fee assessment and payment process. We began announcing this change in 2012 to give ACCME-accredited providers time to incorporate it into their budgeting and financial planning processes .

How does the fee structure change affect organizations applying for reaccreditation in 2013 or 2014?

ACCME-accredited providers will pay the \$5,300 annual accreditation fee in 2014, regardless of when they are scheduled for reaccreditation.

Providers receiving a reaccreditation decision in 2014 are responsible for payment of the 2013 reaccreditation fee. This reaccreditation fee is for the purpose of the reaccreditation process, which, for these providers, began in 2013. It does not represent prepayment for services the ACCME provides during the next accreditation term. However, these providers will not pay a reaccreditation fee in their next cycle.

How does the fee structure change affect organizations applying for reaccreditation in 2015 and beyond?

ACCME-accredited providers that are receiving accreditation decisions in 2015 and beyond will not pay a reaccreditation fee. Please note that these providers paid the reaccreditation fee the last time they applied for reaccreditation, which for most of them was 2011 or 2012.

How does the fee structure change affect organizations that achieve Accreditation with Commendation?

All ACCME-accredited providers will pay the same annual accreditation fee, regardless of a provider's accreditation term. Providers receiving Accreditation with Commendation will continue to benefit financially. Since they will engage in the reaccreditation process in six, rather than four years, they will experience savings in staff time, effort, and other organizational resources.

If you have more questions, please contact us at info@ACCME.org