

American Board of Emergency Medicine

MyToxCert

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

- 1. What are the requirements for renewing my Medical Toxicology certification using MyToxCert?** When fully phased in, the MedTox continuing certification requirements will include:

- Pass 4 MyToxCert modules
- Attest to completing 1 IMP activity
- Attest to the [ABEM Policy on Medical Licensure](#)
- Attest to the [ABEM Code of Professionalism](#)

When your certification renews, you also will move to a 5-year certification cycle and an annual fee requirement. Refer to the 5-year Certification and Annual Fee for MyToxCert FAQs for more information.

- 2. When will MyToxCert modules be available?** Four MyToxCert modules will be available in February 2024. Additional modules will be available in 2025 and after.

- 3. My certification expires in 2024. What do I need to do to renew certification using MyToxCert?** For physicians whose *certifications expire in 2024* there will be 4 MyToxCert modules available in time for you to complete your current requirements. Therefore, based on the types of certifications you hold you will need to do the following:

For those certified in *Emergency Medicine and MedTox*, you have the following options available to you to renew:

- Pass 4 MyToxCert modules
- Pass 3 MyToxCert modules + 1 of the following:
 - 2 MedTox LLSAs or 1 MyEMCert module*
- Pass 2 MyToxCert modules, 2 MedTox LLSAs, and 1 MyEMCert module*

* The MyEMCert modules that count toward this requirement are Abnormal Vital Signs and Shock and Social and Behavioral Health. Only 1 MyEMCert module can be used toward recertification.

For those who do not have a primary certification in EM (i.e., hold a primary certification from another ABMS member board, or did not maintain primary certification in EM), your requirements are:

- Pass 4 MyToxCert modules
- Pass 3 MyToxCert modules + 2 MedTox LLSAs

Physicians whose certifications expire in 2023 or 2025 will receive an email from ABEM outlining your options for recertification, or, if you have met all of your requirements, you will receive an email confirming your status. If you have any questions, you can email subspecialties@abem.org or call 517-332-4800, option 4.

- 4. What happens if I do not pass a MyToxCert module?** You will have three attempts to successfully complete any given module. **HOWEVER, you may have to wait three months to retake it.** It is therefore recommended that you start requirement activities early so that you have sufficient time to successfully complete them to renew certification.

- 5. What is included in MyToxCert modules?** MyToxCert modules are composed of approximately 50 questions in each of the following areas:
- Essentials Content: 90±10%
 - Any other part of the [Core Content of Medical Toxicology](#): 10±10%

Essentials Content modules are based on the six parts of the Core Content:

- Part 1: Principles of Toxicology
- Part 2: Toxicants and Toxins
- Part 3: Clinical Assessment
- Part 4: Therapeutics
- Part 5: Assessment and Population Health
- Part 6: Analytical and Forensic Toxicology and Workplace Drug Testing

The remaining questions can be used to introduce new advances.

- 6. How can I prepare for taking a MyToxCert module?** MyToxCert is open book, so study requirements are minimal. However, you must take the modules by yourself. MyToxCert modules are designed to promote learning while completing a module. Physicians may use readily available, standard resources to look up a topic while completing a module.
- 7. How do I get started with MyToxCert?** It's simple. Sign into your ABEM portal at www.abem.org and follow the steps to register for MyToxCert modules. However, you will not have access to the modules until February 2024.
- 8. Can I use a tablet or phone to complete the modules?** The MyToxCert platform is not designed for phones, tablets, or iPads at this time. Although you may be able to access the platform, we recommend that you use a PC or laptop as images and questions may not display uniformly.
- 9. How long will I have to complete each module?** You will have 4 hours of total time to complete each module. However, you can pause the module while taking it.
- 10. What do I do if I need to stop in the middle of the module? Will I be able to come back?** MyToxCert modules include a Pause feature. If you choose to exit the module before you complete it, all your confirmed answers will be saved. You will receive a warning message when you press the button to explain what will happen. If you choose to leave without confirming an answer, you will not be able to return to this question and it will be scored as incorrect. When you re-enter the module, you will see the next question. If you confirm an answer before pausing, you will see the feedback on your answer and will then be able to leave without penalty.

Note: MyToxCert modules will time out after 15 minutes of inactivity due to security considerations. If you are inactive for 15 minutes, you will receive a warning that the system will automatically pause your module unless you take an action. If you have not confirmed the answer to the question you are on and the module times out after 15 minutes, the question you left off at will be marked as incorrect.

- 11. When I went back to complete a module I had already started, a pop-up notice came up that said I needed to refresh the app. Will I lose any of the answers I've already submitted if I refresh?** No, you will not lose any answers when you refresh the application. The application was updated after the last time you were in the module, so refreshing is necessary to continue.

- 12. How can I find what my score was for each module I have taken?** ABEM only provides pass or fail results. Individual scores are not available.
- 13. I took the Toxicants and Toxins module, and there was a question that was unrelated to that topic. Why was it there?** Each MyToxCert module consists of clinical knowledge review, which includes questions related to the module topic. Up to 10% of questions could be related to any other topic in the Core Content. These questions are generally related to new advances in clinical practice and are included to promote dissemination and understanding about that topic.
- 14. What does the cloud symbol on the top-right corner of my screen mean?** The cloud symbol indicates whether your responses have been saved. A green check mark means your responses have been saved, and a red exclamation point means your answers have not been saved. During a PAUSE, the system will save the answers. Upon confirmation of all questions and when the Final Review and Submit are completed, the system will then Sync the confirmed answers for scoring. Do not leave the module or close your browser if there is a red exclamation mark.
- 15. How much will MyToxCert cost?** For those whose current certification is for a 10-year period, MyToxCert modules will cost \$375 each. Taking four MyToxCert modules in five years will cost \$1,500. Registering for a MyToxCert module allows you three attempts to take and pass a specific module topic.
- When your certification next renews, you will be on a 5-year certification cycle and have an annual fee requirement. When you move to the five-year cycle, you will pay a flat \$300 annual fee, which provides access to ABEM's MedTox continuing certification activities. This is not an additional fee; this fee replaces the cost of taking individual modules. The annual fee adds up to the same \$1,500 cost in total but is distributed over five years. Additional information about the annual fee is available in the [5-year Continuing Certification Cycle and Annual Fee for MyEMSCert FAQs](#).
- 16. How do I obtain a receipt for my MyToxCert module payment?** While you are signed in to the ABEM portal, click "Accounts" on the top right side of the screen. Click on "Orders" then "View Receipt" for the receipt you wish to obtain. You may print the receipt using the "Print" button at the top right corner of the screen.
- 17. Is CME available for completing MyToxCert modules?** Yes, an optional CME activity will be available for successful completion of a MyToxCert module. The cost is \$30 (subject to change) and credits are awarded by either AAEM or ACEP. The entire CME fee goes to AAEM or ACEP, not ABEM. You must register for the credits before taking a module. Credits cannot be awarded retroactively.

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