



EBAC® Policy Statement and Accreditation Rules

The „European Board for Accreditation of Continuing Education for Health Professionals” (EBAC®) is a limited liability company under German law located in Cologne, Germany. EBAC® is a branch of [ECSF®](#) (European Cardiology Section Foundation), a non-profit, charitable foundation under German law located in Cologne, Germany.

EBAC®

- accredits independent and effective **continuing education in the health professions**, i.e. for physicians, nurses, allied professions, and interprofessional teams, (referred to as CE in this and the affiliated documents).
- endorses, and accredits according to, the **International Academy for CPD Accreditation (IACPDA) “[Standards for Substantive Equivalency between CME/CPD Accreditation Systems](#)”**.

EBAC® accredits

- international CE activities in medicine
- national CE activities in medicine with international participation. In this case EBAC® accreditation is not competitive but rather subsidiary to national accreditation systems, targeting the participants from foreign countries,
- national CE activities in medicine in case that a national accreditation authority does not exist or does not provide accreditation services.

EBAC® offers

- provider accreditation (information can be found [here](#)) or
- event accreditation

EBAC® accepts applications from providers who are a legal entity and not under the influence of commercial interests (according to the IACPDA definition) and for which a Course Director has been appointed (more information can be found [here](#)).

EBAC® does not accredit CE activities directly organized by commercial interests or their subsidiaries. Commercial support (sponsoring) of accredited CE activities is possible, if it complies with the IACPDA “Consensus Statement on Independence and Funding for CME/CPD”. More information can be found [here](#).

EBAC® accredits

- live educational events (live educational activities with on-site in person attendance)
- webinars (live educational activities with virtual attendance)
- e-learning (self-directed learning making use of digitally provided educational material available on demand, incl. micro-e-learning)
- articles/text (online or in print media)

EBAC® awards CE credits/points as a sign of quality and independence for participation in CE activities. More information can be found [here](#).

Evaluation of EBAC® accredited activities is mandatory. More information can be found [here](#). EBAC® assumes the right to start extra evaluations whenever deemed useful.

Providers will exclusively use the EBAC® certificate of attendance template and issue a certificate to participants after completion of outcomes evaluation.

All accreditation activities are processed in the electronic EBAC® Management System. EBAC® will only accredit CE activities **before** they are going to take place/ be launched. With this regard EBAC recommends to have a fully completed application ready **6 weeks** prior to when the activity is going to start.

Accreditation of enduring material (webinar “on demand”, e-learning, micro-e-learning, articles), in general, is valid for 2 years after accreditation. Providers may apply for prolongation, what will initiate a new accreditation procedure.

EBAC® charges accreditation fees according to the [EBAC® Price List](#).

An appeal against an EBAC® accreditation decision is possible once and has to

- be sent to the EBAC office in written latest after 5 working days following the accreditation decision
- specify the items of the accreditation process to which it is related

The final decision will then be issued by EBAC in 4 weeks time after the start of the appeals process.

The official working language of accredited CE activities as well as for EBAC® documents and administrative matters is English.