

American Board of Emergency Medicine

Frequently Asked Questions CME Credits for Preparing for and Passing the 2011 LLSA Test

Q: How do I apply to receive CME credit for preparing for and completing the 2011 LLSA?

A: Registration for the 2011 LLSA and CME is a two-step process: You must register for the LLSA and the CME credits separately. If you register for the two consecutively, the current registration process will prompt you to re-enter payment information. ABEM is committed to improving your LLSA experience and is working to eliminate redundant steps.

Q: When do I apply for the CME credits?

A: You **must** register for the CME **before** starting the LLSA test. If you start to take the 2011 LLSA test without having registered for the CME activity, you will be automatically closed out of registration for the CME after you accept the copyright agreement and click on the “take test now” button.

Q: Why can't I apply for the credits after I take the 2011 test?

A: According to rules set by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), **physicians must register for and complete the CME activity before taking the LLSA test**, and no exceptions can be made.

Q: How many credits will I earn for preparing for and passing the 2011 LLSA test?

A: You will earn 15 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*[™] for preparing for the 2011 LLSA by studying the articles included on the 2011 LLSA Reading List and successfully passing the 2011 LLSA test.

Q: How much will the 15 credits cost?

A: The cost of the credits is \$30.

Q: From which organizations can I choose to receive CME credits?

A: You can select to receive the credits either from the American Academy of Emergency Medicine (AAEM) or the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP).

Q: What is the categorization of the credits?

A: All 15 credits are *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*[™]. They are also considered “self-assessment credits.” For physicians practicing at specialty designated centers, 2.0 are pediatrics oriented, and 1.5 are stroke oriented.

Q: Why should I apply for the CME credits?

A: Earning CME credits related to the 2011 LLSA test is optional. Sixty-two medical boards in the United States and its territories require physicians to earn CME credits to renew their medical licenses. Many of these governmental medical boards also require a certain percentage of the CME credits to be *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*[™] or an equivalent.

Q: Will I need to reapply for CME credits if I need to retake the 2011 LLSA test?

A: No. You only need to apply once for the CME credits related to the 2011 LLSA test, no matter how many times you take the 2011 test.

Q: Can I receive credit from ACEP or AAEM for studying the articles and passing other LLSA tests?

A: A CME offering comparable to the CME for the 2011 LLSA activity is currently not available for any other LLSA tests. Since CME credit can never be granted retroactively, diplomates who have already taken and passed previous LLSA tests would not have an opportunity to earn this CME. A variable amount of CME credits will be available for future LLSA activities depending on the number of readings incorporated each year.