



## New CCP Requirements Beginning January 1, 2016

At its July, 2015 meeting, AMT’s Board of Directors approved an ad hoc committee’s recommendation to decrease the maximum number of Certification Continuation Program (CCP) points that can be awarded for employment from 10 points per year (30 per 3-year cycle) to 6 points per year (18 per 3-year cycle). Additionally, the Board approved a recommendation to increase the number of CCP points required for Registered Phlebotomy Technician (RPT) from 20 to 24 per 3-year cycle. **These changes will be effective for all certificants who begin their next CCP cycle on or after January 1, 2016.**

### Why the change?

While certified members may learn new skills and obtain new knowledge at their place of employment, current industry standards dictate that demonstration of continuing competence be more externally-focused. AMT is modifying the CCP requirements to ensure that its certification programs continue to meet and/or exceed these standards and to also meet expectations of employers and state licensing agencies.

### What exactly has changed?

Compliance with CCP is determined by a point system. Points can be attained through a variety of different activities, including continuing education, professional education and continuous employment in the field, among others. It is the continuous employment points in the field requirement that has changed.

CCP Qualifying Activity	Current <u>Maximum</u> Points Earned Per 3 Year CCP Cycle	New <u>Maximum</u> Points Earned Per 3 Year Cycle
Continuing Education	45 points	45 points
Professional Education	45 points	45 points
<b>Employment in the Field</b>	<b>30 points</b>	<b>18 points</b>
Authorship of Written Works	No maximum	No maximum
Instructional Presentation	No maximum	No maximum
Organizational Participation	21 points	21 points

Also changed is the total number of CCP points required per 3 year cycle for phlebotomy technicians only. Current requirement is for RPTs to obtain 20 CCP points every 3 years. **The new requirement states that RPTs obtain 24 points every 3 years.**

### What will this mean to me?

The new maximum requirement simply means that many of the CE-related activities obtained at work can and should be reported as separate activities. Such activities may include annual HIPAA training, CPR training, and any other in-services at the actual place of employment. For instance, an RMA who may have reported 30 points of successful employment in the past can only attribute 18 points toward actual employment. The RMA can, get the additional 12 points from another qualifying activity, such as those mentioned above.

Please note that AMT is working to expand its CE options to help certified members comply more easily.

### When will it affect me?

These changes will be effective for all certificants who begin their next CCP cycle on or after January 1, 2016. The certificant will have 3 full years to comply with the new requirement. A few illustrative examples are provided below.

**Example #1:** An individual whose CCP cycle runs 2/1/2014 to 2/1/2017 will not be affected by these requirements until 2/1/2017 and will have until 2/1/2020 to comply.

**Example #2:** An individual whose CCP cycle runs 1/1/2013 to 1/1/2016 will be affected by these requirements on 1/1/2016 but will have until 1/1/2019 to comply.

### How should I document my points?

Every certified member is strongly encouraged to use AMTrax™ to track points online. Credits from any AMT online program are automatically transferred into the AMTrax account. Additionally, once the required number of points is attained, the certified member will automatically be marked as “compliant” and will not have to complete and submit any forms.

### **How do I Use AMTrax?**

Using [AMTrax](#) is easy! Login as a member (AMT’s mobile app makes it convenient). Go to your member’s homepage and under “My Certifications and Membership”, choose “Record Activities through AMTrax”. To record activities, choose a category and enter the information as requested. Press “Submit” and the information is immediately updated. You may view and print your record at any time using date ranges.

### **What is CCP?**

The Certification Continuation Program (CCP) is intended to promote, encourage and reward practitioners who demonstrate continued efforts to carry the competencies needed at initial certification throughout their careers. Individuals initially certified on or after January 1, 2006 are required to comply with CCP every three years. All individuals who have recertified are required to comply with CCP. Individuals certified prior to January 1, 2006 are NOT required to participate; however, AMT strongly encourages all members to keep abreast in their field through continuing education and other professional activities.