

Chapter Med 13

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION  
FOR PHYSICIANS

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**Med 13.01 Authority and purpose.** The rules in this chapter are adopted by the medical examining board pursuant to the authority delegated by ss. 15.08 (5), 227.08, and 448.40, Stats., and govern the biennial training requirements for physicians as provided under s. 448.40, Stats.

**History:** Cr. Register, February, 1977, No. 254, eff. 3-1-77; am. Register, March, 1979, No. 279, eff. 4-1-79.

**Med 13.02 Continuing medical education required; waiver. (1)** Each physician required to complete the biennial training requirement provided under s. 448.13, Stats., shall, in each second year at the time of making application for a certificate of registration as required under s. 448.07, Stats., sign a statement on the application for registration certifying that the physician has completed at least 30 hours of acceptable continuing medical educational programs within the 2 calendar years immediately preceding the calendar year for which application for registration is made.

(2) A physician may apply to the board for waiver of the requirements of this chapter on grounds of prolonged illness or disability or other similar circumstances, and each such case will be considered individually on its merits by the board.

**History:** Cr. Register, February, 1977, No. 254, eff. 3-1-77; am. (1), Register, March, 1979, No. 279, eff. 4-1-79; am. (1), February, 1981, No. 302, eff. 3-1-81.

**Med 13.03 Acceptable continuing medical educational programs; hours.** Only courses and programs approved in advance by the board may be used for credit, except that the board may approve for credit completed programs and courses conducted in other countries. The board recognizes only those programs recognized as approved at the time of the physician's attendance by the council on medical education of the American medical association, or the American osteopathic association, or the liaison committee on continuing medical education or may recognize program providers outside the U.S. unless any of the foregoing have been previously disapproved by the board. The board will accept attendance at and completion of programs accredited as the American medical association's or the American osteopathic association's "Category I" or an equivalent as fulfilling the requirements of this chapter for continuing medical education. One clock hour of such attendance shall be deemed to equal one hour of acceptable continuing medical education for the purposes of this chapter.

**History:** Cr. Register, February, 1977, No. 254, eff. 3-1-77; am. Register, February, 1981, No. 302, eff. 3-1-81.

**Med 13.04 Postgraduate training program; length of service.** The board will accept postgraduate training in a program approved by the board under the provisions of s. Med 1.02 (3), Wis. Adm. Code, as fulfilling the requirements of this chapter for continuing medical education. Three consecutive months of such postgraduate training shall be deemed to equal 30 hours of acceptable continuing medical education for the purposes of this chapter.

**History:** Cr. Register, February, 1977, No. 254, eff. 3-1-77; am. Register, March, 1979, No. 279, eff. 4-1-79.

**Med 13.05 Evidence of compliance.** (1) The board will accept as evidence of compliance with the requirements of this chapter, as original documents or verified copies thereof, any or all or any combination of the following:

(a) Certification by either the providing institution or organization or the American medical association or the American osteopathic association, or components thereof, of attendance at and completion of continuing medical education programs approved under the provisions of s. Med 13.03.

(b) A "Physician's Recognition Award" of the American medical association or a certificate of continuing medical education from the American academy of family physicians awarded not more than 12 months prior to the beginning of the calendar year for which application for registration is being made.

(c) Certification by a chief of service or head of department or director of medical education of the providing facility of appointment to and satisfactory participation in a postgraduate training program approved under the provisions of s. Med 13.04.

(2) Evidence of compliance shall be retained by each physician through the biennium for which 30 hours of credit are required for registration.

**History:** Cr. Register, February, 1977, No. 254, eff. 3-1-77; am. (1) (intro.) and r. and recr. (2), Register, February, 1981, No. 302, eff. 3-1-81.

**Med 13.06 Audit.** The board may require any physician to submit his or her evidence of compliance to the board during the biennium for which 30 hours of credit are required for registration to audit compliance.

**History:** Cr. Register, February, 1981, No. 302, eff. 3-1-81.