



Appeal of Adverse Action – Applicants

Eligibility

Education

The certification exam applicant must have graduated an Anesthesiologist Assistant educational program offered at an institution that is accredited by an agency recognized by the US Department of Education (USDE) or the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).

Clinical Experience for Primary Certification

The purpose of the National Commission for Certification of Anesthesiologist Assistants (NCCAA) includes ensuring that Certified Anesthesiologist Assistants (CAAs) have the necessary knowledge and skills to practice safely and effectively. For entry level CAAs, the NCCAA verifies academic qualifications with each academic program for certification eligibility and tests knowledge by using a Certification exam. As a prerequisite for certification eligibility and to maintain and protect the strength of the CAA credential, the NCCAA collects a record of clinical experience from student anesthesiologist assistants (SAAs) to verify entry level clinical standards are met for new CAAs. Clinical hours and experiences are self-reported to the NCCAA via a digital mobile application. The clinical experience record is verified with academic institutions and reviewed to determine certification eligibility. SAAs are required to complete education and clinical training minimums prior to becoming eligible for board certification by examination. For a complete list of clinical experience requirements see the *NCCAA Standards for Clinical Experience*, available on the NCCAA website or within the NCCAA mobile application.

Appeal Opportunity

An applicant whose application for initial certification examination has been denied may appeal this decision by submitting a formal written notice of Appeal to the NCCAA. This notice must include grounds for appeal, including a narrative on the candidate's satisfaction of the stated eligibility criteria and documentation evidence of satisfaction of the stated eligibility criteria. The NCCAA will respond to the Appeal within 30 days of receipt issuing a final decision.