

CPC RENEWAL FAQs

FOR ATS CERTIFIED IN 2026

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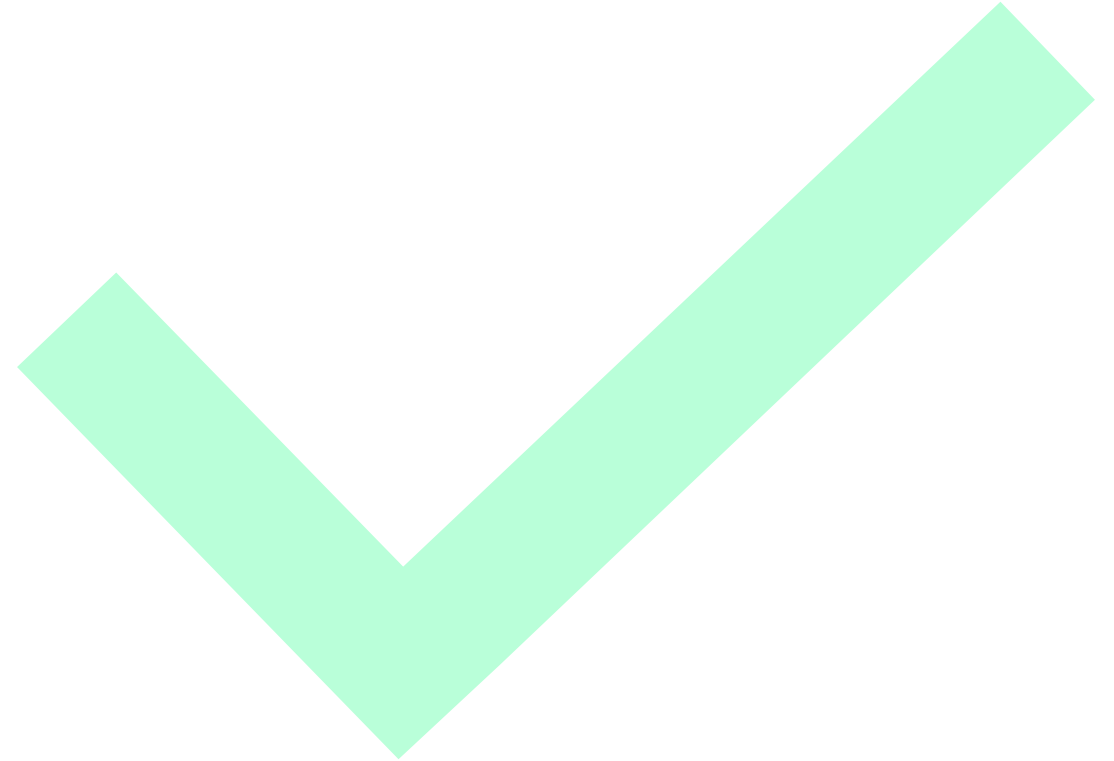
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FOR THE ATHLETIC TRAINER

OBJECTIVES

- Clarify common CPC Renewal-powered by Pathfinder questions
- Provide guidance on renewal expectations

Q: IS PATHFINDER REQUIRED?

A: YES. For ATs certified in 2026 it is the required renewal path.



Q: WHAT HAPPENS IF I FALL BEHIND?

You have 1 “grace” segment to be used anytime in 2027. No application or permission required.

Falling behind 2+ segments will result in Remediation
(see 2026-2027 Candidate Handbook)

PRO TIPS FOR STAYING ON TRACK



Complete Challenge
Questions early



Add deadlines to
iCalendar

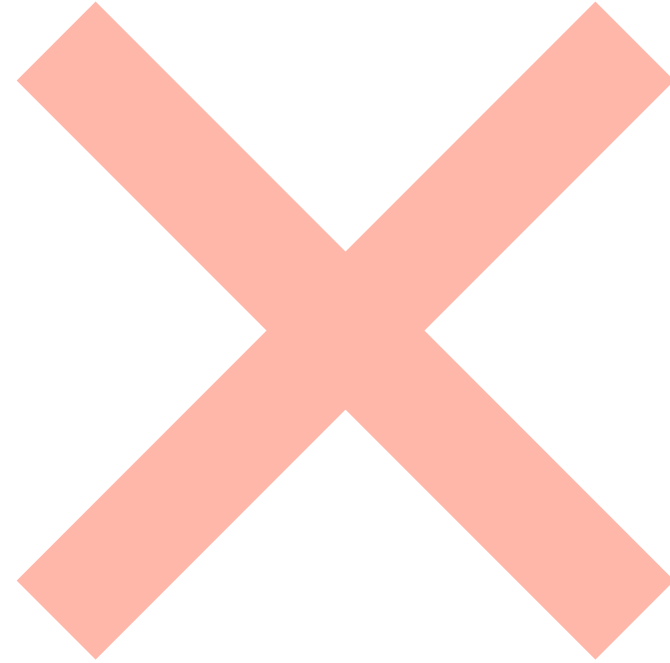


Watch BOC email
reminders

Q: DO I HAVE TO COMPLETE MY GOALS?

A: No.

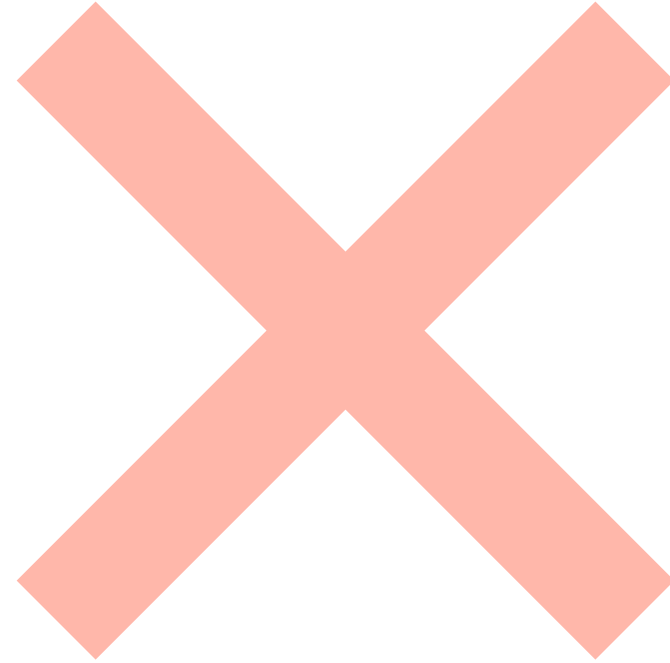
- Goals support reflection and planning
- Goals can evolve/change any time
- Emphasis on professional development
(Where am I and where do I want to be professionally?)



Q: DO I HAVE TO COMPLETE CE ACTIVITIES ADDED TO MY LEARNING PATH?

A: No.

You are NOT required to complete the courses.
My Learning Path simply organizes courses
in one location.



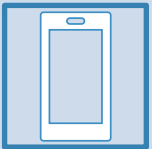
A: HOW MUCH TIME DOES PATHFINDER TAKE?



Most ATs report completing a segment's 15 My Challenge Questions in less than 30 minutes.



Designed for flexibility



Mobile-friendly, on the go

Q: DO I STILL GET TO CHOOSE THE CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE) THAT'S RIGHT FOR ME?

A: Yes. You're in charge of your CE.

2026 Certification Requirements

- 20 CEUs required
- At least 5 Category A CEUs
- Choose the conferences and courses that best support your practice.
- See the BOC Handbook for details.

Q: ARE MY CHALLENGE QUESTIONS GRADED?

❑ Not Graded

❑ Do Not count against you

■ Knowledge check-in

■ CE course suggestions

■ Scholarly readings

Q: WHAT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE?

Answer:

- [CPC Renewal](#)
- [2026-2027 Candidate Handbook](#)
- [FAQ Page](#)
- [Pathfinder Quick Reference Guide](#)
- Video tutorials (inside Pathfinder)
- Renewal@bocatc.org
- Resource Library (ProQuest Nursing & Allied Health Database) (inside Pathfinder)

Q: HOW DOES THIS IMPACT MY STATE LICENSE IF I NEED 50 CEUS TO RENEW MY LICENSE?

A: BOC has been sharing CPC information with states so that they are aware of the changes. We will also issue documentation that demonstrates completion of Pathfinder is equivalent to 5 CEUs, as the MCQs are a formative or for learning assessment.



FAQS



**SCAN TO DOWNLOAD
FAQ RESOURCE**

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**GOT QUESTIONS?
CONTACT THE BOC ANYTIME WITH
QUESTIONS AT RENEWAL@BOCATC.ORG**

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