

CPC RENEWAL OVERVIEW

FOR AT PROGRAM DIRECTORS AND AT PROGRAMS



BOARD OF CERTIFICATION
FOR THE ATHLETIC TRAINER

HOW TO USE THIS DECK WITH STUDENTS

Purpose

- To introduce CPC and build early habits of lifelong learning and reflection

When to use

- Professional development/ seminar courses
- Senior or transition-to-practice sessions
- Courses catching all graduating ATs (as appropriate to the program)

HOW TO USE THIS DECK WITH STUDENTS

How to Facilitate with Students

- Share slide deck
- Share links to BOC recertification requirements
- Explain and discuss concepts and expectations
- Connect to current coursework and/or clinical experience(s)

Discussion Prompts

- How do YOU set learning goals today?
- What does reflection look like in clinical practice?
- How will YOU continue learning and staying connected to evidence-based practice changes after graduation?

HOW TO USE THIS DECK WITH STUDENTS

Key Take-Away:

Continued Professional Certification is not just a requirement.

It is a framework for becoming a self-directed, reflective, and effective clinician.

It is meant to empower ATs in their professional development.

SLIDE DECK FOR STUDENTS BEGINS NEXT SLIDE

CPC RENEWAL

POWERED BY PATHFINDER

ENHANCING YOUR
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT JOURNEY



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TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

Continuing Education (CE)

Learning activities that help Athletic Trainers stay current, grow professionally and support safe and evidence-based patient care throughout their careers.

CE Categories:

Category A- BOC Approved Providers

Category B- Professional development from a non-Approved Provider

Category C- Emergency Cardiac Care and CPR

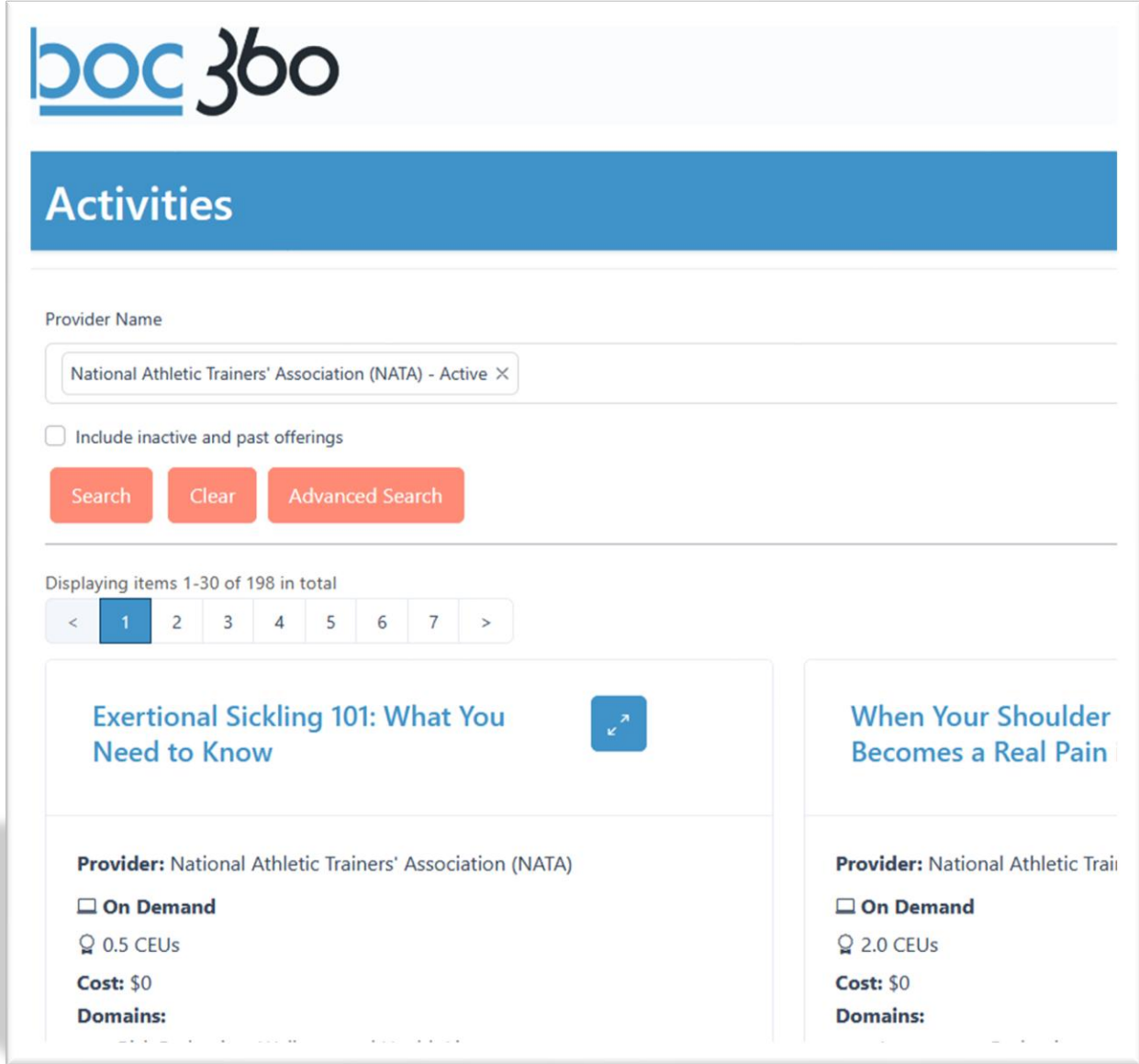
Category D- Optional Advance practice or specialty –related learning

Examples:

Courses, conferences, webinars, workshops, journal-based learning, other professional development activities.

TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

- **BOC Approved Provider**
An organization that has been formally recognized by the BOC to meet standards to provide quality CE to certified athletic trainers.
- **BOC Approved Provider Activity Directory**
A searchable online directory of BOC-approved CE activities found on the BOC homepage.



The screenshot shows the BOC 360 Activities directory search results. At the top is the BOC 360 logo. Below it is a blue header bar with the word "Activities". The search results are filtered by "Provider Name" to "National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) - Active". There is a checkbox for "Include inactive and past offerings" which is unchecked. Below the search bar are three buttons: "Search", "Clear", and "Advanced Search". The results show "Displaying items 1-30 of 198 in total" with a pagination bar showing page 1 of 7. Two activity cards are visible. The first card is titled "Exertional Sickling 101: What You Need to Know" and is provided by "National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA)". It is an "On Demand" activity worth "0.5 CEUs" with a "Cost: \$0". The second card is titled "When Your Shoulder Becomes a Real Pain" and is also provided by "National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA)". It is an "On Demand" activity worth "2.0 CEUs" with a "Cost: \$0".

Activities

Provider Name

National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) - Active X

☐ Include inactive and past offerings

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Exertional Sickling 101: What You Need to Know

Provider: National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA)

On Demand

0.5 CEUs

Cost: \$0

Domains:

When Your Shoulder Becomes a Real Pain

Provider: National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA)

On Demand

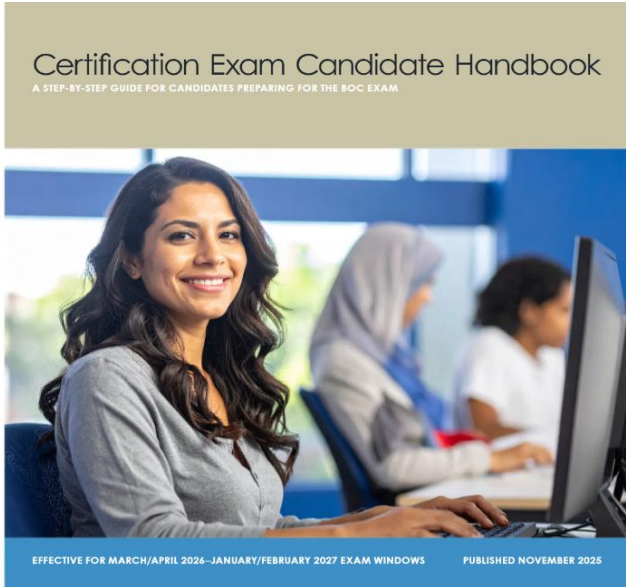
2.0 CEUs

Cost: \$0

Domains:

TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

- **BOC Certification Exam Candidate Handbook**
Explains eligibility requirements, application and registration processes to take the BOC exam, along with the rules and expectations candidates need to follow
- **BOC Certification Renewal Handbook for Certified Athletic Trainers**
Explains certification renewal requirements and pathway options, continuing education expectations, standards for maintaining certification, and policies for remediation and reinstatement



Certification Renewal Handbook For Certified Athletic Trainers RENEWAL PERIOD ENDING JANUARY 31, 2028



August 13, 2026



OBJECTIVES

- Describe the structure and key components of the Continuing Professional Certification (CPC) renewal program.
- Summarize insights and outcomes from early users and pilot participants.
- Explain how CPC supports individualized goal setting, reflective practice, and ongoing professional development.
- Identify ways Athletic Trainers can engage with CPC to enhance clinical practice and integrate evidence-based learning into their certification renewal.



TODAY'S AGENDA

A New Era in Athletic Training

- What is CPC?
- CPC - History

Meet Pathfinder

- Built for ATs
- Pathfinder Structure/Components

Pathfinder Pilot: AT Response

- Key Takeaways
- Defined Benefits to ATs
- AT Feedback

Our Evolution

- Why is Certification Evolving?

CPC Renewal Requirements

- Renewal Format
- Impact on ATs

Q&A



WHAT IS CPC AND WHY IT MATTERS?

Ensures ATs stay competent

Delivers modern, meaningful experience

BOC CERTIFICATION RENEWAL PATHWAYS

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CPC RENEWAL

For ATs Certified Prior to 2026

PATHFINDER REQUIREMENTS

My Goals

Create at least 2 Goals

My Challenge Questions

Answer 15 questions per 3-month segment (7 of the 8 segments required)

My Learning Path

Add at least 2 CE activities onto the learning path – completion and/or registration of the activity is not required.

My Reflection

Complete reflection questions at end of renewal period.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

40 CEUs
REQUIRED

- 10 CEUs minimum for Category A
- 30 CEUs can be from approved learning activities – categories A–D
- Alternative Learning Activities are optional

2

LEGACY RENEWAL

For ATs Certified Prior to 2026

CONTINUING EDUCATION

50 CEUs
REQUIRED

- 10 CEUs minimum for Category A
- 40 CEUs can be from approved learning activities – categories A–D
- Alternative Learning Activities are optional

3

CPC RENEWAL

For ATs Certified in 2026

PATHFINDER REQUIREMENTS

My Goals

Create at least 1 Goal

My Challenge Questions

Answer 15 questions per 3-month segment (3 of the 4 segments required) Begin Feb 1, 2027.

My Learning Path

Add at least 1 CE activity onto the learning path – completion and/or registration of the activity is not required.

My Reflection

Complete reflection questions at end of renewal period.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

20 CEUs
REQUIRED

- 5 CEUs minimum for Category A
- 15 CEUs can be from approved learning activities – categories A–D
- Alternative Learning Activities are optional

Scaled renewal cycle requirements
for newly certified ATs.

STANDARD REQUIREMENTS

Compliance with “BOC Standards of Professional Practice”

Payment of an annual certification fee

Continuous certification in emergency cardiac care

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CPC RENEWAL

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Scaled renewal cycle requirements
for newly certified ATs.

These are prorated requirements
for 2026 only.
Future renewal requirements are
not prorated.

MEET PATHFINDER

POWER YOUR FUTURE
STRETCH YOUR FUTURE
SHAPE YOUR FUTURE

CPC – PATHFINDER: BUILT FOR ATS

Flexible by Design Because No Two ATs are Alike

Power Your Future

- Self-directed professional development

Shape Your Future

- Personalized AI-powered insights to focus on what matters most

Stretch Your Future

- Update progress, close gaps, and grow over time

CPC - PATHFINDER

How much does it cost?

NO EXTRA COST

CPC - PATHFINDER STRUCTURE

CPC Renewal

SCAN TO
DOWNLOAD
PATHFINDER
QUICK
REFERENCE
RESOURCE



Pathfinder



My Goals
COMPLETE



✓ 2 Goals Set

Complete SMART Questionnaire

Manage Goals



My Challenge Questions
S2 - Due Jul. 31, 2026



○ 1 / 8 Segment Challenge Questions Complete

Start

View Learning Awareness Dashboard

Sample Questions



My Learning Path
Add at least 2 activities



2 / 2 Activities Added

Manage Learning Path

How It Works

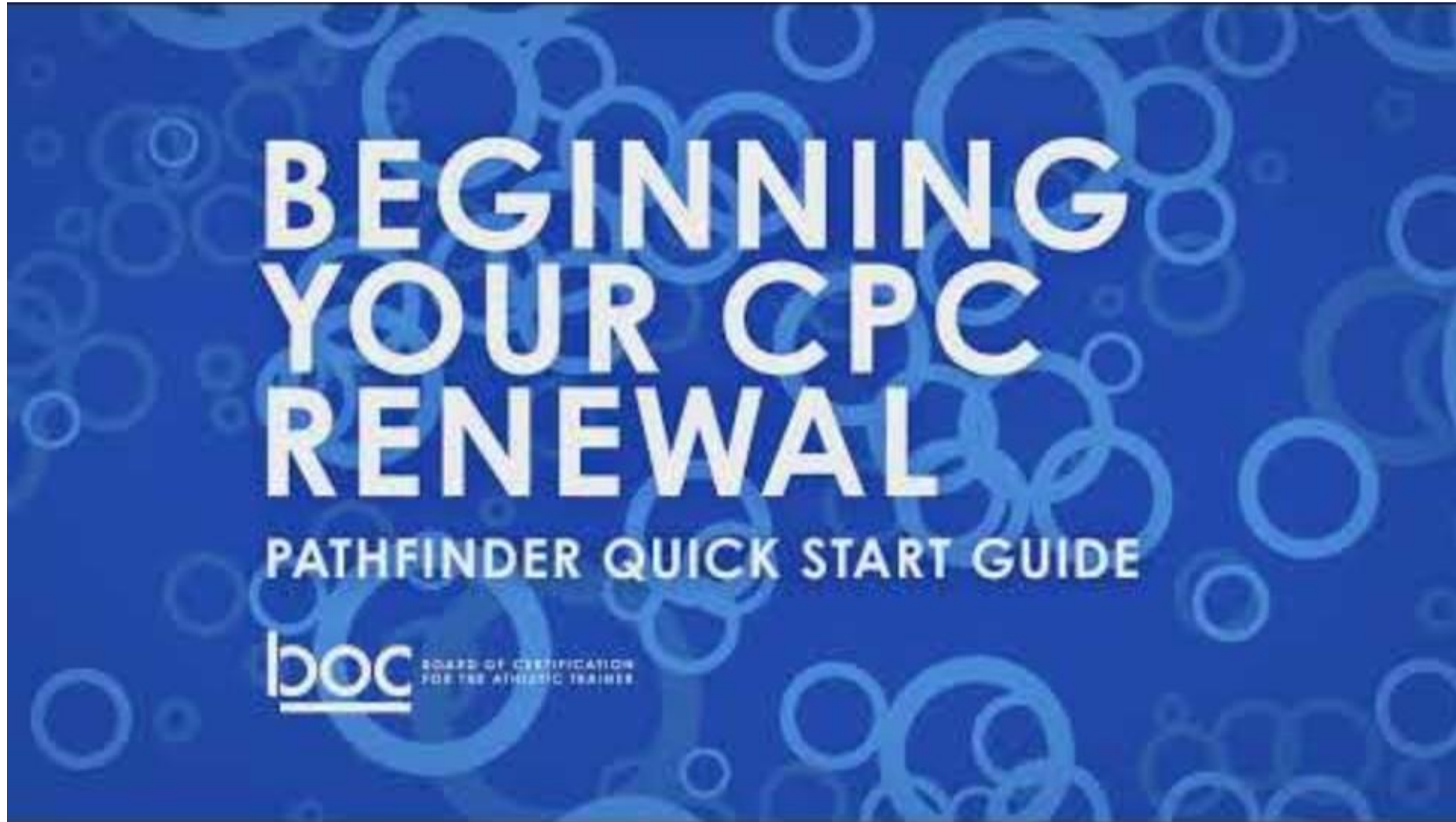
Access Resource Library

Quick Start Guide

Opt Out of CPC



CPC - PATHFINDER STRUCTURE



PATHFINDER



My Goals

Set self-directed goals

My Goals

Required number of Goals: 2

Encouraged number of Goals: 3-5

Your SMART Questionnaire Responses

1. What are your knowledge/skill strengths as an AT? Questions you may ask yourself:

Your Response: Test

2. What are your knowledge/skill deficiencies as an AT? Questions you may ask yourself:

Your Response: Test

3. What specific knowledge/skills does your employer and/or physician expect as an AT in your current role?

Your Response: Test

4. Thinking about your 3-, 5- and 10-year goals and aspirations, what knowledge/skills will enhance your performance?

Your Response: Test

#1

I WILL

Develop, expand, refine

MY

Knowledge, skill, clinical, decision making

IN

Area of focus, domain, knowledge/skill statement

TO

Improve patient care, make better clinical decisions, enhance patient outcomes, develop personally, provide leadership

BY

Select a date from the date picker

+ Add Goal

Save Goals

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My Goals

Add at least 2 goals

0 / 0 Goals Set

Complete SMART Questionnaire

Manage Goals

Complete PDNA (Optional)



My Challenge Questions

S1 - Due Apr. 30, 2026

0 / 8 Segment Challenge Questions Complete

Start

View Learning Awareness Dashboard

Practice a Few!



My Learning Path

Add at least 2 activities

0 / 2 Activities Added

Manage Learning Path

Learning Awareness Dashboard

[← Back to Profile](#)

⚠ Risk Zone

Blind spots: Things that I really don't know, but I think I do.

	DOMAIN 1	DOMAIN 2	DOMAIN 3	DOMAIN 4	DOMAIN 5
2026 Quarter 1	1	1	0	0	0

👁 Awareness Zone

Known gaps: Things that I know are problems for me

	DOMAIN 1	DOMAIN 2	DOMAIN 3	DOMAIN 4	DOMAIN 5
2026 Quarter 1	2	2	2	2	0

💡 Learning Zone

Unknown strengths: Things that I know, but don't feel confident about.

	DOMAIN 1	DOMAIN 2	DOMAIN 3	DOMAIN 4	DOMAIN 5
2026 Quarter 1	0	1	0	1	1

✅ Mastery Zone

Known strengths: Things that I know I know.

	DOMAIN 1	DOMAIN 2	DOMAIN 3	DOMAIN 4	DOMAIN 5
2026 Quarter 1	0	0	1	1	0

“My Challenge Questions” and “Learning Awareness Dashboard” are to be used solely as a guide for selecting meaningful professional development activities and are not a representation of your overall level of competence as a BOC Certified Athletic Trainer.

CPC Renewal

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Practice a Few!



My Learning Path

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0 / 2 Activities Added

Manage Learning Path



My Learning Path

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1 / 2 Activities Added

Manage Learning Path

How It Works

Access Resource Library



Certified Sam

- Dashboard
- Activity Directory
- Forms
- Payments
- ECC
- Messages

My Favorites

Favorite Type

All Types

Search

Clear

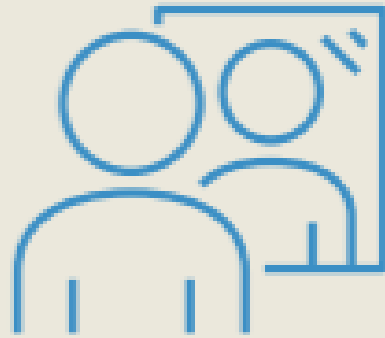
ACTIONS			TYPE	FAVORITED
Show	Add to Learning Path		CE Activity	Athletic Training Education Through a Public Health Lens
Show	Add to Learning Path		CE Activity	Clinical Documentation in Athletic Training
Show	Add to Learning Path		CE Activity	Assessment of ankle sprains
Show	Add to		CE	EDR Lateral Ankle Sprain Master Course

PATHFINDER



My Reflection

A self-assessment to reinforce learning and measure professional growth



My Reflection

CPC RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS

APPROVED CPC RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS 2026-2028

FOR ATS CERTIFIED IN 2026

Renewal Path – CPC

Pathfinder Completion

- Pathfinder completion
 - My Goals- create **1 goal** within the renewal period
 - My Learning Path- add 1 CE activity on to learning path
 - My Challenge Questions- Answer 15 questions per 3 month segment
(3 of the 4 segments are required) MCQs begin Feb 1, 2027.
 - My Reflection- complete **reflection** questions
- 20 CEUs due
 - 5 CEUs minimum for Category A
 - 15 CEUs can be from any approved learning activity (Category A-D)
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STANDARD REQUIREMENTS

- Compliance with “BOC Standards of Professional Practice”
- Payment of an annual certification fee
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STAYING ON TASK

Two+ Missed Pathfinder Segments? Remediation



Completion of all four MCQ segments in addition to any other incomplete CPC Renewal Requirements

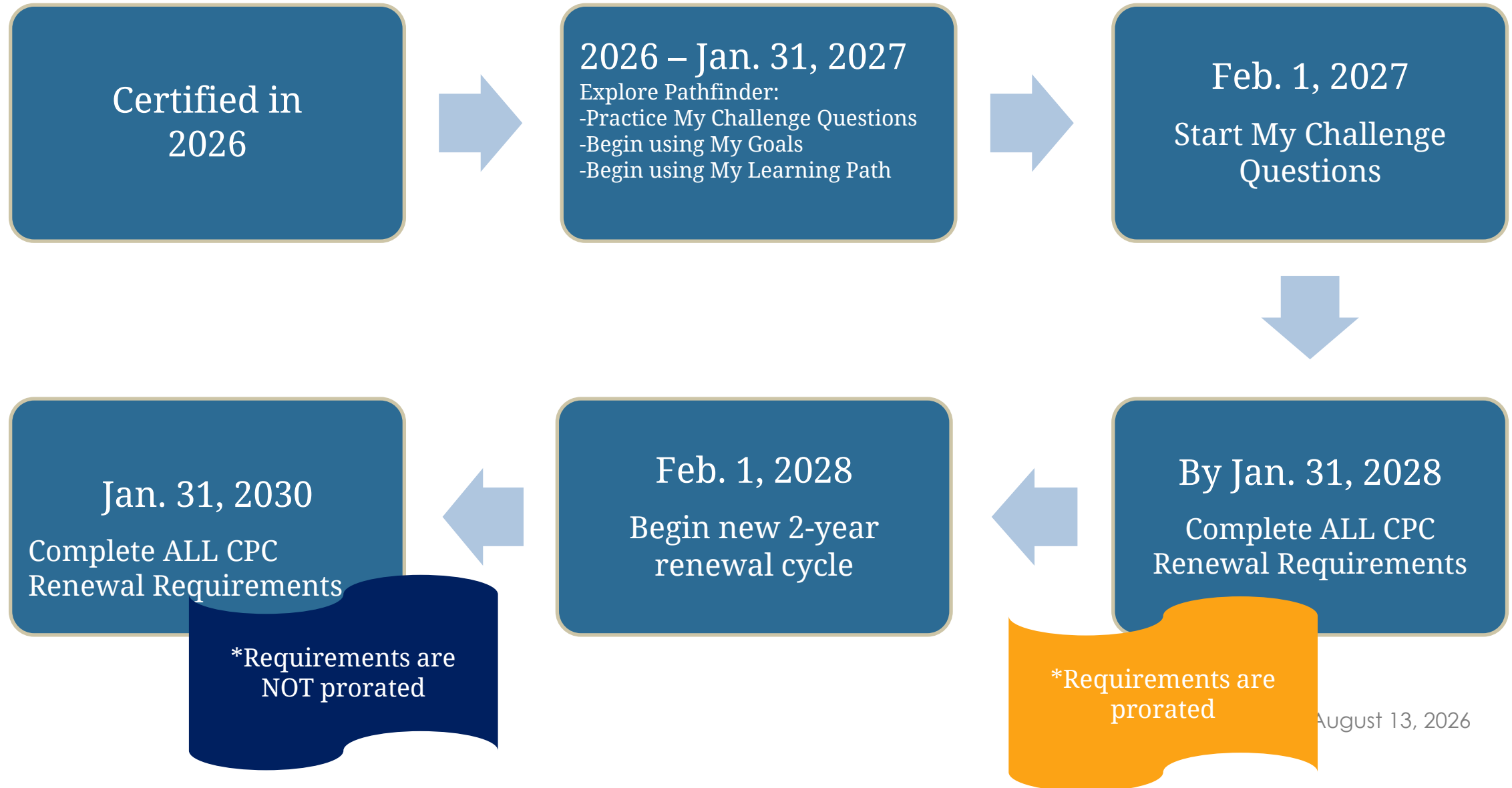


Mandatory CE audit after the renewal period



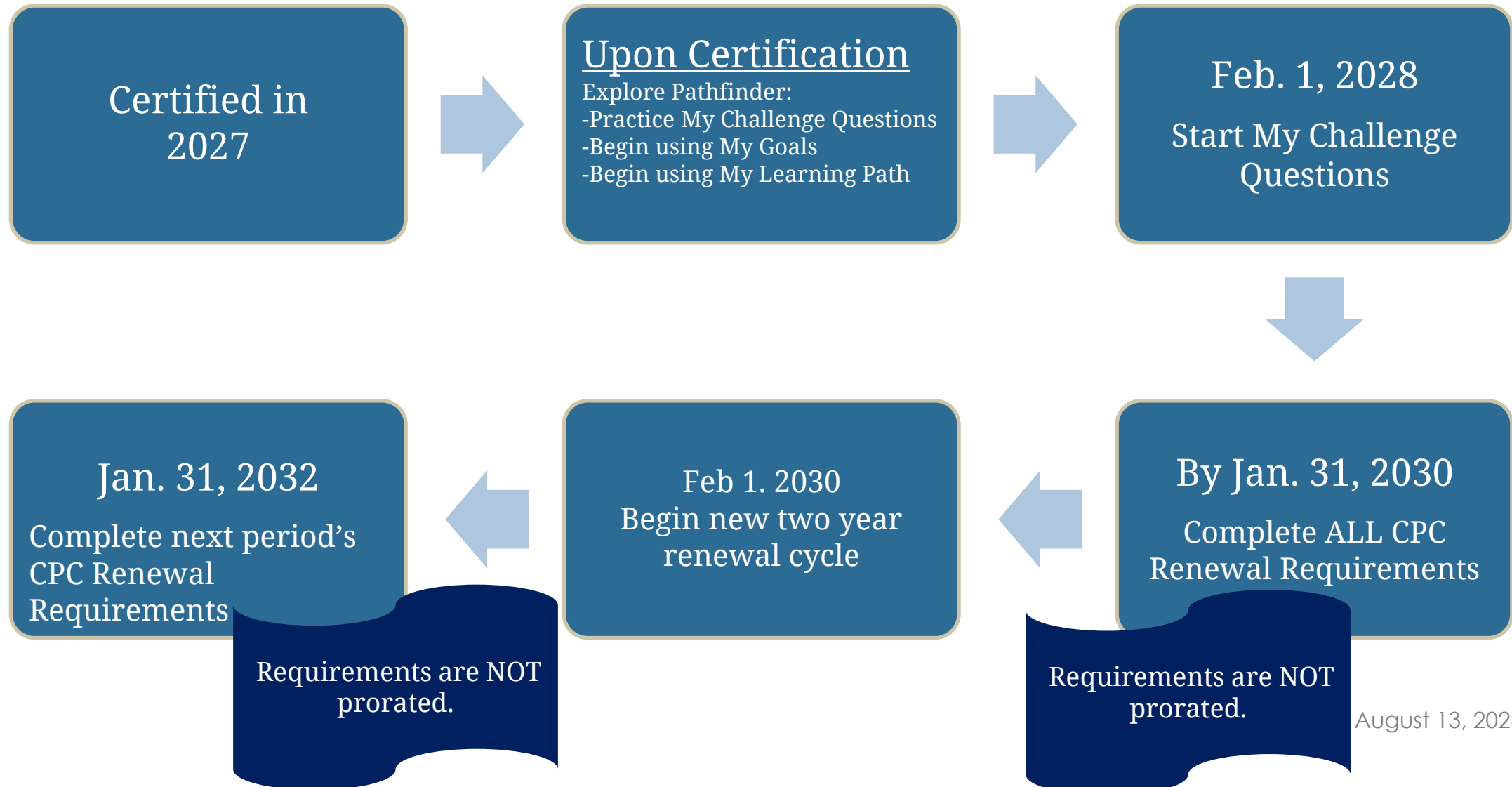
Be subject to disciplinary action by the BOC

TIMELINE FOR ATS CERTIFIED IN 2026



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TIMELINE FOR ATS CERTIFIED IN 2027



August 13, 2026



FAQS



**SCAN TO DOWNLOAD
FAQ RESOURCE**

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