

Recertification Point Structure

Supporting documentation must be provided for all points claimed. Supporting documentation includes certificates, membership cards, receipts, transcripts, meeting programs, or memos documenting the activity. Points will not be granted if supporting documentation is not received.

Section		Points	Maximum	Comments
I.	Full-time Forensic Work			Once during the five year cycle, employment points may be counted in Section IV in lieu of counting the points in Section I.
A.	Full-time Forensic Work – employed directing, reviewing or performing forensic science casework, method development, research, validation, database management, etc. in a forensic science laboratory or equivalent.	2 /yr		
B.	Full-time Forensic Teaching – employed in a college or university setting teaching forensic science courses.	2/yr		
II.	Professional Involvement			Must earn a minimum of 10 points per certification cycle
A.	Meetings and Activities			
1.	Registered General Session Meeting Attendance	2 / day	20 / year	
2.	External Audit, External Inspection, External Assessment Activity	1 / day	10 / year	
B.	Organizational Participation			
1.	Forensic Organization Membership	1 / yr / org	10 / year	
2.	Elected Officer / Committee Chair in Forensic Organization	2/yr/org	10 / year	
3.	Committee Member (ABC Standing Committees and CEMGs may be claimed)	1/yr/org	10 / year	
4.	Participation in SWG, TWG, OSAC, state or national forensic science commission	3/yr/org	6/year	Points claimed in this section may not be claimed in Section III or on the Specialty Recertification Form.
5.	Administrator of FSAT examination	1/event	2/year	
III. & Spec. Doc.	Other Forensic Skill Building Activities & Specialty Area Activities Points claimed on the Specialty Recertification Form are for specialty trainings only. Points claimed in Section III are other, non-specialty trainings.			Points claimed under Section III cannot be claimed on the Specialty Recertification Form.
A.	Training Received			
1.	Workshop / In-Service Training	3 / day	15/ activity	Does not include mandatory yearly training, unit training or online workshops. Training must be a minimum of four hours.
2.	Successful completion of relevant college course from a regionally accredited college.	5 / semester credit hour	15 / year	Coursework must be in Forensic Skill Building or Specialty Area. Course can be online or classroom.
3.	Attendance at discipline specific professional meeting (e.g. CLIC, Promega, etc.)	2 / day	20 / year	
B.	Technical Development			
1.	Panel Discussion / Plenary Discussion	2 / discussion	10 / year	
2.	Technical Paper / Poster Presentation at scientific meeting (author or co-author)	5 / presentation	20 / year	Can only claim the same presentation twice.
3.	Technical Paper / Poster Presentation at a scientific meeting (non-author presenter)	2 / presentation	10 / year	Can only claim the same presentation twice.
4.	Technical Paper Publication			
a.	Peer Reviewed article (e.g. <i>Journal of Forensic Sciences</i>)	15 / paper		
b.	Non-peer reviewed article (e.g. <i>Microscope</i>)	3 / paper		
c.	Thesis Review	5 / Thesis		
d.	Review of technical paper for publication in peer-reviewed journal	4 / paper		
e.	Publish an Editorial Review of book, chapter or article review	2 / paper		
f.	Newsletter – No Technical Review (e.g. <i>Microgram</i>)	2 / paper		

5.	Book Chapter Authorship	20 / chapter	40 / year	
6.	Book Authorship	40 / book		
7.	Book Editing	20/book	40/year	
8.	Internal Audit of Technical Specialty	1 / day	10 / year	
9.	Participation in SWG/TWG/OSAC/state or national forensic science commission as standards writer, task group, sub-committee, etc.	3/yr/org	6/year	Points claimed in this section may not be claimed in Section II. In order to claim points in Section III, the work must be technical in nature.
10.	Submission and acceptance of certification examination questions	1 pt / 2 questions	5 / year	Points for general forensic KSAs (1-9) will be awarded in Section 3. Points for discipline specific KSAs (10) will be awarded in Section 4.
C.	Training Given			
1.	Conducting workshop / seminar in other forensic skill area	5 / full day	15 / year	Minimum of ½ day. Does not include lectures to lower level school.
2.	Training of Examiner	5 / 40 hours of training	5 / year	
3.	Primary Instructor of forensic science related course	5 / credit hour	15 / year	Points are for non-full time faculty member. Course must be full semester / trimester / summer college level class.

Unlisted Professional Activities

Other activities or circumstances a Diplomate, Fellow or Affiliate feels should be considered under recertification should be submitted to the ABC Board by January 1 prior to submitting recertification paperwork. The activities and circumstances will be considered on an individual basis. Please refer to www.criminalistics.com for further information and forms to have a training course pre-approved by the ABC.