

List of Approved Forensic Organizations for Recertification Points

The American Board of Criminalistics Board of Directors has determined that recertification points may be claimed for membership in the following professional forensic organizations:

AAFS	American Academy of Forensic Sciences
ACS	American Chemical Society
AFDAA	Association of Forensic DNA Analysts and Administrators
AFQAM	Association of Forensic Quality Assurance Managers
AFTE	Association of Firearm and Toolmark Examiners
ASAFS	Alabama State Association of Forensic Sciences
ASCLD	American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors
ASQDE	The American Society of Questioned Document Examiners
ASTE	American Society of Trace Evidence Examiners
ASTM	American Society for Testing and Materials
CAC	California Association of Criminalists
CACLD	California Association of Crime Laboratory Directors
CAT	California Association of Toxicologists
CLIC	Clandestine Lab Investigating Chemists
COFSE	Council of Forensic Science Educators
CSFS	Canadian Society of Forensic Science
CSOFS	Chartered Society of Forensic Sciences (formerly FSS Forensic Science Society)
FSIO	Forensic Science Institute of Ohio
IAAI	International Association of Arson Investigators to include regional IAAI organizations
IABPA	International Association of Bloodstain Pattern Analysts
IABTI	International Association of Bomb Technicians and Investigators
IACT	International Association of Chemical Testing
IAI	International Association for Identification to include regional IAI organizations
ISFG	International Society of Forensic Genetics
LAFS	Louisiana Association of Forensic Scientists
MAAFS	Mid-Atlantic Association of Forensic Scientists
MAFS	Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists
NEAFS	Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists
NFPA	National Fire Protection Association
NJAFS	New Jersey Association of Forensic Scientists
NWAFS	Northwest Association of Forensic Scientists
SAFS	Southern Association of Forensic Scientists
SOFT	Society of Forensic Toxicologists
SWAFDE	Southwestern Association of Forensic Document Examiners
SWAFS	Southwestern Association of Forensic Scientists
TIAFT	The International Association of Forensic Toxicologists

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AFQAM	Association of Forensic Quality Assurance Managers
AFTE	Association of Firearm and Toolmark Examiners
ASAFS	Alabama State Association of Forensic Sciences
ASCLD	American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors
ASQDE	The American Society of Questioned Document Examiners
ASTE	American Society of Trace Evidence Examiners
ASTM	American Society for Testing and Materials
BODE	BODE Cellmark Forensics
CAC	California Association of Criminalists
CACLD	California Association of Crime Laboratory Directors
CAT	California Association of Toxicologists
CLIC	Clandestine Lab Investigating Chemists
CODIS	Combined DNA Index System
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IACT	International Association of Chemical Testing
IAI	International Association for Identification to include regional IAI organizations
ISFG	International Society of Forensic Genetics
ISHI	International Symposium on Human Identification (Promega meeting)
LAFS	Louisiana Association of Forensic Scientists
MAAFS	Mid-Atlantic Association of Forensic Scientists
MAFS	Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists
MidAm	MidAmerica DNA Conference (Hosted by Paternity Testing Corp)
NEAFS	Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists
NFPA	National Fire Protection Association
NJAFS	New Jersey Association of Forensic Scientists
NWAFS	Northwest Association of Forensic Scientists
PittCon	Pittsburgh Conference on Analytical Chemistry and Applied Spectroscopy, Inc.
SAFS	Southern Association of Forensic Scientists
SOFT	Society of Forensic Toxicologists
SWAFDE	Southwestern Association of Forensic Document Examiners
SWAFS	Southwestern Association of Forensic Scientists
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The following is a list of organizations that do not meet the ABC criteria for an approved forensic organization. This list is not all inclusive:

AAAS	American Association for the Advancement of Science
AACC	American Association of Clinical Chemistry
ABC	American Board of Criminalistics
ACSR	Association for Crime Scene Reconstruction
AHIA	Arizona Homicide Investigators Association
ASCP	American Society of Clinical Pathology
ASM	American Society of Microbiology
CIS	Canadian Identification Society
CLIA	Clandestine Laboratory Investigators Association
CNOA	California Narcotic Officers' Association
DMORT	Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Teams
EAFS	European Academy of Forensic Science.
FAMS	Federal Air Marshal Service
FSAB	Forensic Specialties Accreditation Board
IABPI	International Advanced Bio-Pharmaceutical Industries
IACT	International Academy of Computer Technologies
INEOA	International Narcotics Enforcement Officers Association
NYMS	New York Microscopical Society
SANE	Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners
SMSI	State Microscopical Society of Illinois

Approval of Forensic Organizations

Organizations may be added to the approved forensic organizations list as deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.

1. Forensic organizations, or organizations with a forensic component, may be added to the list of approved forensic organizations at the discretion of the Board. Organizations may request to be added to the list of approved forensic organizations. This request must be received in writing.
2. The organization must be comprised of a membership that is actively engaged in the application of the natural sciences to the examination of physical evidence in legal issues, or is engaged in the application of management principles and techniques to the field of forensic science, or represents academics dedicated to the teaching of forensic science.
3. The purpose or objectives of the organization include some combination of the following intentions:
 - Dissemination of information within a field of forensic science
 - The exchange of ideas, information, data, and/or statistics within a field of forensic science
 - Stimulation of the development of new techniques and methodologies within a field of forensic science
 - Promotion of uniform methodologies and quality standards within a field of forensic science
 - Foster friendship and a cooperative spirit among practitioners

4. The operations of the organization should have the following components:
 - Non-Profit
 - Constitution or set of bylaws and rules
 - Code of Ethics or Professional Conduct Guidelines
 - Membership Guidelines and a mechanism for screening for professional competency
 - Organized Leadership in the form of a Board of Directors, Executive Board, or Set of Officers
 - Members have a mechanism for input to the organization (voting, etc.)
 - Membership must be open to any qualified individual
 - Demonstration that the organization is currently active

5. The Board will vote on all requests to be an approved forensic organization. Upon Board approval the ABC will notify certificants via the website that a new forensic organization has been approved.
 - a. Upon approval, certificants may earn points for membership in or attendance at meetings of the organization.
 - i. If an organization has been approved prior to June 1, certificants may request to be given points for that organization for the recertification year prior. Points will not be automatically granted; a request must be made to the Registrar's Office.
 - ii. If an organization has been approved after June 1, points will not be awarded for that organization until the next recertification packet submissions.