

Comparison of Medical Assisting Credentials

Organization	Credential	Educational Requirements for Exam Eligibility	Alternate Requirements for Exam Eligibility	Other Pathways	Recert
<p style="text-align: center;">AAMA American Association Of Medical Assistants www.aama-ntl.org</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CMA (AAMA)®</p> <p><u>AAMA owns Registration No. 2,509,034</u> issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office for the title Certified Medical Assistant® and the CMA (AAMA)® credential.</p>	<p>Graduation from a CAAHEP or ABHES accredited program.</p>	<p>A candidate who is currently a CMA may retake the examination to satisfy the recertification requirements.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">None</p>	<p>60 (CEU) clocked hours every five (5) years or retake exam</p> <p>There are only 3 attempts at taking the exam and thereafter, the medical assistant is no longer eligible to take the exam.</p> <p>CEUs and recertification are required to have a current credential and use of the CMA (AAMA)®</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">AMT American Medical Technologists www.amt1.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">RMA</p>	<p>Graduation from a CAAHEP or, ABHES accredited program OR graduation from a program accredited by a Regional Accrediting Commission or by a national accrediting organization approved by the United States Department of Education OR</p>	<p>Experience - Applicant shall have been employed in the profession of Medical Assisting for a minimum of five (5) years, no more than two (2) years of which may have been as an instructor in a postsecondary medical assistant program.</p> <p>If using experience as a</p>	<p>Passage of a another generalist medical assistant certification examination offered by another medical assisting certification body <i>(provided that exam has been approved for this purpose by the AMT Board of Directors)</i> and who have been working in the medical assisting field for the past three out of five years and who have met all other</p>	<p>RMAs Prior to 01-01-06 do not need CEUs. After 01-01-06 RMA will need to recertify every 3 years</p>

		Formal medical services training program of the United States Armed Forces	pathway to take the exam, employer will be required to attest to the MA skills in writing.	AMT training and experience requirements, may be considered for RMA (AMT) certification without further examination.	30 (CEU) clocked hours every three (3) year needed Membership is also required and yearly
NCCT National Center for Competency Testing www.ncctinc.com	NCMA NCMOA	A graduate of an approved course of study as a Medical Assistant	Experience - Documentation of at least two (2) years' experience as a Medical Assistant. If using experience as a pathway to take the exam, employer will be required to attest to the MA skills in writing.	None	Yearly - 14 (CEU) clocked hours per year required. Membership is also required and yearly.
NHA National Health Career Association www.nhanow.com	CCMA CMAA	A graduate of a healthcare training program	Experience - One or more years of full time job experience	Worked in the field they seek certification for at least two years and complete a home study program covering the mastery skills & competencies of each discipline followed up by an assessment.	10 (CEU) clocked hour credits annually all must be from NHA