



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE OFFICE



Department of Defense Sexual Assault Advocate Certification Program (D-SAACP)

Eight Boards Per Year

D-SAACP recognizes the critical support that SAPR Program Managers (PMs), Sexual Assault Response Coordinators (SARCs), and SAPR Victim Advocates (VAs) provide to victims of sexual assault from initial report through case conclusion, or to the point where the victim no longer requires assistance. SAPR PMs, SARCs, and SAPR VAs certified through D-SAACP join a growing field of certified civilian victim advocates who are trained and committed to upholding the highest standards of victim care and advocacy.

The D-SAACP Review Committee holds eight boards per year for quicker credentialing time for advocates. Deadlines ensure that reviews are happening approximately every six weeks.



2025 Boards	2025 Submission Deadlines
January 28-29, 2025	January 10, 2025
March 11-12, 2025	February 21, 2025
April 22-23, 2025	April 4, 2025
June 3-4, 2025	May 16, 2025
July 15-16, 2025	June 27, 2025
August 26-27, 2025	August 8, 2025
October 7-8, 2025	September 19, 2025
December 2-3, 2025	November 7, 2025

2026 Boards	2026 Submission Deadlines
January 27-28, 2026	January 9, 2026
March 10-11, 2026	February 20, 2026
April 22-22, 2026	April 3, 2026
June 2-3, 2026	May 15, 2026
July 14-15, 2026	June 26, 2026
September 8-9, 2026	August 7, 2026
October 6-7, 2026	September 18, 2026
December 1-2, 2026	November 6, 2026

What does eight boards per year mean for credential holders?

Eight boards a year means quicker credentialing time for advocates.

What is the review process with eight boards per year?

The eight boards per year are limited to 1,625 applications each, which credentials 13,000 advocates each year. There will not be the option to request ad hoc boards as the boards meet every six weeks and there is not time in between for an ad hoc board to convene.

The boards will not review renewal applications early. The boards are designed to review and approve renewal applicants during their renewal window. Renewal applications will have precedence of being reviewed first should the board reach the 1,625-application maximum.

What is the expiration policy?

The Expiration Policy states that if an applicant has missed eight or more deadlines, they will need to submit a renewal application and their Service's initial SAPR VA training taken within the last year. The DoD Instruction 6495.03 will include this update in a future iteration.

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