



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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