



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 added an additional round of review periods, moving to eight boards per year starting in 2024. 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

What does eight boards per year mean for credential holders?

Eight boards a year means quicker credentialing time for advocates. If you were approved through November 30, 2023, the approved applicant list was randomly split to go to the new October 2023 board or the December 2023 board. This will continue to happen throughout 2024 and 2025 until all advocates are on the new eight board cycle.

What is the review process with eight boards per year?

In order to continue providing the same excellent customer service experience, the eight boards per year will be limited to 1,625 applications each. This still credentials 13,000 advocates per year. This requested increase in boards means that there will not be the option to request ad hoc boards in the future as there will be no time in-between scheduled boards for an ad hoc board to convene.

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

What is the expiration policy?

Beginning with the July 2023 board, the Expiration Policy is 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 DoDI 6495.03 will include this update in a future iteration.

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