

D-SAACP Information Paper: Increase to Eight Boards Per Year

Program Overview:

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 until the point 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 privacy.

New Deadlines:

Based on requests and feedback from the field, NOVA and DoD SAPRO have been working together to identify ways to incorporate more review boards for faster credentialing of the field. Beginning in mid-2023, the D-SAACP Review Committee added an additional round of review periods, moving to eight boards per year in 2024 and beyond. Please note that moving forward the deadlines are fluid to ensure that reviews are happening approximately every six weeks. SAPR.mil will be updated to provide details for future years.

The updated 2023 schedule is as follows:

2023 Boards	Deadline
December 5-6, 2023	November 10, 2023

Then, 2024 will go completely to eight boards per year:

2024 Boards	Deadline
January 30-31, 2024	January 12, 2024
March 12-13, 2024	February 23, 2024
April 23-24, 2024	April 5, 2024
June 4-5, 2024	May 17, 2024
July 16-17, 2024	June 28, 2024
August 27-28, 2024	August 9, 2024
October 8-9, 2024	September 20, 2024
December 3-4, 2024	November 8, 2024

What does this mean for me?

Eight boards per year means quicker credentialing time for advocates. If you were originally approved through November 30, 2023, the approved applicant list will be 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 else changes with eight boards per year?

In order to continue to provide the same excellent customer service experience, the new eight boards per year will be limited to 1,625 applications. 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 eight boards a year means they meet approximately every six weeks and

there will be no time in-between 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 cycle reach the 1,625-application maximum.

Does the Expiration Policy change?

With doubling the review boards, the Expiration Policy will also double. Beginning with the July 2023 board, the Expiration Policy will be if an application 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.