



POINT SYSTEM FOR DETERMINATION OF ACOEM FELLOWSHIP ELIGIBILITY

Includes changes approved by the BOD at their meeting at AOHC 2008.

Physicians are eligible to apply for Fellowship when the following application requirements are met:

- Must be a member in good standing of ACOEM for the last three years;
- Must have practiced occupational/environmental medicine on a full-time basis for three years;
- Must have a high level of expertise and training in occupational medicine as evidenced by certification from the American Board of Preventive Medicine in occupational medicine or another medical board acceptable to the Board of Examiners for Fellow Candidates;
- Must demonstrate evidence of active participation and service at the National or Component Society;
- Must have accumulated a total of **200 points** according to the point system outlined below.

The application consists of the following **required** documents:

- Claim for Points form
- Supporting documentation labeled with the corresponding letter and number from the Claim for Points
- Two (2) Letters of Recommendation from ACOEM Fellows. Letters of recommendation should be sent **directly from the author to the Board of Examiners, not to the candidate. Letters which are forwarded from the candidate to the Board of Examiners are not acceptable.** Following is the address for submission of letters of recommendation:

ACOEM, 25 Northwest Point Blvd., Suite 700, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007-1030
Attn: Jerrie Abrahamsen – E-mail: jabrahamsen@acoem.org – Fax: 847-818-8347

- An up-to-date Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Photo of the candidate (optional)
- Signature of a current component society officer. (You may not sign your own application.)
- Remittance of the required, non-refundable application fee of \$100.

Failure to comply with any of the Fellowship requirements (proper endorsements, CV, etc.) and/or failure to submit any of the required documents will result in the application being considered incomplete and will not be reviewed by the Board of Examiners until it is complete.

THE POINT SYSTEM

Members who aspire to Fellowship must submit a Claim for Points, as well as documentation (as outlined below), with their application. **Submission of the required curriculum vitae does not suffice.**

- Points may be accumulated over a period of time.
- Points can be awarded for past as well as present activities.
- All documentation supporting the Claim for Points must be labeled with the corresponding letter and number from the Claim for Points.
- Claim for Points for ACOEM activities on a **National level *only*** will require just a statement from the member of the dates involved. This information will be verified by ACOEM records. All other claims for activity on the component level or for non-ACOEM activity require supporting documentation.
- Component activities must be verified by a letter from a current component officer or with copies of meeting certificates.
- Meeting attendance or activities of other professional societies must be verified in writing.
- Reprints of papers will be the required proof for points claimed for publications.
- A copy of the printed program of a professional society meeting will constitute proof of presentation of a scientific paper at a meeting.
- Faculty appointments must be verified by the head of the medical/professional school.

A. BOARD CERTIFICATION – Mandatory

MAXIMUM 25 PTS.
MINIMUM 5 PTS.

1. Current certification by:
 - a. the American Board of Preventive Medicine (ABPM) in occupational medicine, (25 points) or
 - b. the American Osteopathic Board of Preventive Medicine (AOBPM), (25 points) or
 - c. Canadian Board of Occupational Medicine (CBOM) certification, (25 points) or
 - d. Certification by an international academic body in occupational medicine. (25 points)

-OR-

2. Current ABPM or AOBPM certification in other than occupational medicine. (10 points)
3. Certification by a specialty Board recognized by ABMS or AOA. (5 points)
4. Certification relevant to the practice by an international academic body in other than occupational medicine. (5 points)

B. ATTENDANCE AT ACOEM MEETINGS OR CONFERENCES – Mandatory

MAXIMUM 70 PTS.
MINIMUM 40 PTS.

1. Must have attended two national conferences (one within three years of application) of an American Occupational Health Conference (AOHC) in the spring or a Fall Event (formerly SOTAC). (10 points per conference)
2. Members of a component society must have attended at least two component society meetings (one within three years of application). (10 points per meeting)

Maximum 40 pts.
Minimum 20 pts.

Maximum 30 pts.
Minimum 20 pts.

This requirement does not apply to Direct/International members.

C. ACOEM SERVICE AT THE NATIONAL OR COMPONENT LEVEL – Mandatory

MAXIMUM 185 PTS.
MINIMUM 35 PTS.

1. Service on an ACOEM council, standing or ad hoc committee. Does not include being a special interest section member. (15 points per council or committee)
2. Service as a chair of an ACOEM council, section, standing or ad hoc committee. (20 points)
3. Service as an officer of an ACOEM component society. (20 points)
4. Service as a director or chairman of a committee of a component society. (15 points)
5. Attendance at a meeting of the ACOEM House of Delegates as a delegate. (15 points per attendance)
6. Service as a member of a committee of a component society. (5 points)
7. **Direct members service will be reviewed on a case by case basis.**

Maximum 30 pts.

Maximum 40 pts.

Maximum 40 pts.

Maximum 30 pts.

Maximum 30 pts.

Maximum 15 pts.

D. OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES – Optional

MAXIMUM 65 PTS.

1. Service on:
 - a. a state medical society committee on occupational health (10 points), or
 - b. on the board of a national or international occupational medical society acceptable to the Board of Examiners. (15 points)
2. Attendance (5 points per meeting) at:
 - a. an **international** congress on occupational health,
 - b. an annual meeting of the American Industrial Hygiene Association,
 - c. American Academy of Industrial Hygiene, or
 - d. similar **national** professional meeting as approved by the Board of Examiners
3. Attendance at any course pertaining to occupational medicine sponsored by an organization approved by the Board of Examiners, not including ACOEM sponsored courses. (5 points per day of attendance)

Maximum 15 pts

Maximum 20 pts.

Maximum 30 pts.

E. CONTRIBUTIONS TO SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS AND LITERATURE – Optional

MAXIMUM 90 PTS.

1. Presentation of a scientific paper on occupational medicine or participation in a panel on occupational medicine at the AOHC or Fall Event (formerly SOTAC) or other national meeting approved by the Board of Examiners. (15 points)
2. Publication of a paper on occupational medicine in the *Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine* (JOEM) or other peer reviewed journal approved by the Board of Examiners and/or a chapter in a recognized text, etc. (20 points – if points have already been awarded for presentation of the paper at a scientific meeting, only 10 points will be awarded for publication of the same paper.)

Maximum 30 pts.

Maximum 60 pts.

F. CONTINUING EDUCATION – Optional

MAXIMUM 50 PTS.

1. Attendance (10 points for each full day/5 points for each half day) at:
 - a. any ACOEM post-graduate seminar, or
 - b. completion of any segment of the ACOEM Basic Curriculum (BC), or
 - c. any other program directly sponsored by ACOEM (MRO, ADA, etc.)
 - d. completion of an ACGME approved residency in occupational medicine. (25 points)

Maximum 50 pts.

G. FACULTY APPOINTMENT – Optional

MAXIMUM 30 PTS.

1. Currently holding a full-time faculty position relating to occupational medicine involving teaching responsibility at an LCME medical accredited or an accredited school of public health. A letter is required from the school indicating hours per year. (30 points)

Maximum 30 pts.

-OR-

2. Currently involved in teaching responsibilities with a part-time faculty appointment relating to occupational medicine. A letter is required from the school or medical center indicating hours per year. (20 points)

Maximum 20 pts.

-OR-

3. Currently involved in teaching responsibilities without a faculty appointment relating to occupational medicine. A letter is required from the school or medical center indicating hours per year. (10 points)

Maximum 10 pts.

ACOEM Fellowship Application Claim for Points

Candidate's Name:					
A. Board Certification	Mandatory	Description	Maximum 25 Pts.	Minimum 5 Pts.	Points Claimed
A1a: ABPM Board in OM	yes		25	0	
A1b: AOBPM Board Certification	yes		25	0	
A1c: CBOM Board Certification	yes		25	0	
A1d: Int'l. OM Academic Certification	yes		25	0	
A2: ABPM or AOBPM Board Certification other than OM	yes		10	0	
A3: Specialty Board Certification by ABMS or AOA	yes		5	0	
A4: Int'l. Academic Body Certification other than OM (relevant to prac.)	yes		5	0	
			Total Section A (25 max)		
B. Attendance at ACOEM Meetings or Conferences	Mandatory	Description	Maximum 70 Pts.	Minimum 40 Pts.	Points Claimed
B1: Must have attended two national conferences (one within three years of application) of an AOHC or Fall Conference (formerly SOTAC). (10 pts./conference)	yes		40	20	
B2: Members of a component society must have attended at least two component society meetings (one within three years of application). (10 pts. per meeting)	yes		30	20	
			Total Section B (70 max)		
C. ACOEM Service at the National or Component Society Level	Mandatory		Maximum 185 Pts.	Minimum 35 Pts.	Points Claimed
C1: Service on an ACOEM council, standing or ad hoc committee. Does not include being a special interest section member. (15 pts. per council or committee)	yes		30		
C2: Service as a chairman of an ACOEM council, standing or ad hoc committee. (20 pts.)	yes		40		
C3: Service as an officer of an ACOEM component society. (20 pts.) (Direct Members will be reviewed on a case by case basis)	yes		40		
C4: Service as a director or chairman of a committee of a component society. (15 pts.)	yes		30		
C5: Attendance at a meeting of the ACOEM House of Delegates as a delegate. (15 pts. per attendance)	yes		30		
C6: Service as a member of a committee of a component society. (5 pts.)	yes		15		
			Total Section C (185 max)		
D. Other Professional Society Activities	Optional	Description	Maximum 65 Pts.	Minimum 0 Pts.	Points Claimed
D1: Service on:			15	0	
1a: state medical society committee on OM (10 pts.)	yes				
1b: board of a national of int'l. OM society (15 pts.)	yes				
D2: Attendance (5 pts. per meeting) at:			20	0	
2a: an international congress on occupational health	yes				
2b: an annual mtg. of the American Industrial Hygiene Assoc.	yes				
2c: an annual mtg. Of the Amer. Acad. of Industrial Hygiene	yes				
2d: a similar national professional meeting approved by the BOE	yes				
D3: Attendance at any non-ACOEM course pertaining to OM which is approved by the BOE (5 pts./day of attendance)	yes		30	0	
			Total Section D (65 max)		

ACOEM Fellowship Application Claim for Points – continued

Candidate's Name:					
E. Contributions to Scientific Meetings & Literature	Optional	Description	Maximum 90 Pts.	Minimum 0 Pts.	Points Claimed
E1: Presentation of a scientific paper or panel participation at a national meeting. (15 pts. each)	yes		30	0	
E2: Publication of a paper in OM in JOEM or other peer reviewed journal or chapter in a recognized text. (20 pts. – if points have already been awarded for presentation of the paper at a scientific meeting, only 10 points will be awarded.)	yes		60	0	
			Total Section E (90 max)		
F. Continuing Education – 10 pts./full day – 5 pts./half day	Optional	Description	Maximum 50 Pts.	Minimum 0 Pts.	Points Claimed
F1a: Any ACOEM post-graduate seminar	yes				
F1b: Completion of any segment of the ACOEM Basic Curriculum (BC)	yes				
F1c: any other program directly sponsored by ACOEM (MRO, ADA, etc.)	yes				
F1d: Completion of an ACGME approved residency in occupational medicine. (25 pts.)	yes				
			Total Section F (50 max.)		
G. Faculty Appointment	Optional	Description	Maximum 30 Pts.	Minimum 0 Pts.	Points Claimed
G1: Currently holding a full-time faculty position relating to OM	yes		30	0	
G2: Currently holding a part-time faculty position relating to OM	yes		20	0	
G3: Currently involved in teaching responsibilities without a faculty position	yes		10	0	
			Total Section G (30 max)		
			TOTAL POINTS	MAX 500	MIN 200
VERIFICATION DATE:		VERIFIED BY:			
			TOTAL POINTS VERIFIED		

Any application received without a Claim for Points, CV, or other substantiating materials will be considered incomplete and will not be reviewed by the Board of Examiners until it is complete.