

Agent Certification

Requirements

Prerequisites

To become an NCAA-certified agent must:

1. Have a bachelor's degree;
2. Have been NBPA certified for at least three consecutive years and be in good-standing;
3. Maintain professional liability insurance.

Application Process

1. Register Online in the NCAA Agent Certification System (ACS).
2. Submit Application to NCAA.
 - A. Includes disclosing conflicts of interest;
 - B. Successful completion of background check;
 - C. Payment of nonrefundable application fee.
3. NCAA Review of Application.
4. Notification of Eligibility to Take the In-Person Exam.
5. In-Person Exam (or continuing education requirement).
6. Pay Certification Fee (annually).
7. Reapply the following year using the same ACS user account.

For more specific details regarding the application process, see:

[Application Process Description](#)

Application

NBPA-certified agents may apply online to become NCAA-certified agents with this link: <https://web3.ncaa.org/AgentCertification>

The application is only available between midnight August 1 and 11:59 pm September 30 (Eastern time). Late submissions are not accepted. Failure to apply while the application is available online will require the agent to wait until the application is available the following year.

Background Check

During the NCAA application process, the agent will be redirected to the Sterling Volunteers website to provide additional information in order to complete the background check portion of the application. The agent will need to provide his/her driver's license information, address history for seven years, and information about his/her bachelor's degree (start and end dates, major,

Application

[Agent Certification System \(ACS\)
– Online Application](#)

[Agent Certification Application
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NCAA-Certified Agents

Agent Directory
(coming in December 2019)

Certification Resources

[Agent Certification Guidelines](#)

[Agent Certification Background
Check Information and
Disqualifying Criteria](#)

Agent Certification Frequently
Asked Questions

[College Basketball Reform Flyer –
October 2018](#)

college/university name and location) for the background check to be completed.

The disqualifying criteria for the background check can be accessed here: [Background Check Information and Disqualifying Criteria](#)

Once the background check has been processed, ECAG will evaluate each application in the order they are submitted. Due to the volume of applications submitted in a very concentrated window of time, an agent should anticipate a minimum of two weeks for ECAG to process an application.

Fees

The application fee is \$250 which includes a full background check and is paid directly to Sterling Volunteers at the conclusion of the application. The application fee is non-refundable and is required annually.

The certification fee is \$1250 and will be paid in the NCAA Agent Certification System.

In-Person Exam

Agents who successfully complete the application and background check requirement will be required to take the in-person exam currently scheduled for Wednesday, **November 6** at the [NCAA National Office](#) in **Indianapolis, Indiana**.

Any of the information posted online regarding the certification process may be included on the exam in addition to NCAA Bylaws associated with agents, student-athlete eligibility and recruiting. An In-Person Exam Study Guide will be posted in the **Certification Resources** box on the right of this page to assist with applicable legislation. ECAG will also host an in-person review session in the same room as the exam the morning before the exam is administered. Specific time will be posted soon.

Review and exam times will be selected to avoid the need for staying overnight if at all possible, but if needed there are hotels within walking distance and there are multiple Marriott properties directly across the street from the NCAA National Office.

Agent Certification History

The April 2018 report from the Commission on College Basketball chaired by Condoleezza Rice recommended, and the NCAA adopted, legislation to allow SOME student-athletes to hire NCAA-certified agents so that the student-athletes can receive meaningful assessment of their professional prospects earlier in their

journey. The commission focused solely on men's basketball (MBB), and it was the commission's belief that these student-athletes needed earlier professional advice to determine whether it is in their best interests to declare for the NBA draft or whether college basketball offers a superior pathway. As a result, following the 2018-19 basketball season, NCAA legislation will allow a select few student-athletes to meet with and be represented by an NCAA-certified agent without losing eligibility. To accomplish this, the NCAA created an agent certification program applicable to MBB agents beginning in August 2019.

Need Help?

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