



## CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE EDUCATION REQUIREMENT FOR DEA REGISTRATION

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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In March 2023, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) released [materials](#) related to the new [Medication Access and Training Expansion \(MATE\) Act](#). Under the MATE Act, to receive or renew a DEA registration, clinicians who prescribe controlled substances must complete eight hours of education related to pain management and the treatment of opioid use disorder (OUD) and substance abuse disorder (SUD). The MATE Act training requirements go into effect for new or renewing DEA registrations beginning on June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

SHM developed this FAQ document to address inquiries and confusion related to the MATE Act and the new education requirement.

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**Does this new DEA training requirement affect me?**

Yes. This training requirement impacts all DEA registered practitioners.

**What am I required to do?**

You must complete eight hours of training on the treatment and management of patients with opioid and substance use disorders. You only need to complete this training once.

**How much time do I have to comply?**

You must complete your training requirement prior your next scheduled DEA registration submission – on or after June 27, 2023. If you have recently renewed your DEA registration, you do not need to complete this training until your next renewal.

**Will I have to complete this training every time I renew my DEA license?**

No. This is a one-time training requirement.

**How will I know what courses satisfy the requirement?**

Courses that satisfy the training requirement must be related to the prevention, recognition, and care of people with substance use disorders including those with concurrent pain and/or psychiatric and medical co-morbidities. There is significant flexibility for coursework that addresses OUD or SUD. To read more specific guidance on what topics will meet these training requirements, please [click here](#).

**Do I have to use specific training providers?**

No. Groups accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Commission for Continuing Education Provider Recognition (CCEPR), as well as groups or organizations accredited by State medical societies that are recognized by the ACCME or CCEPR can provide training. Groups accredited by the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) are also eligible to provide training. SHM is authorized to provide the requisite training.

**Does SHM offer courses that meet this new requirement?**

Yes. SHM offers eligible courses that are available on the [SHM Learning Portal](#). These courses are free for SHM members. Additional courses will be added in the coming months.

**Will training completed prior to the law's passage count toward the new requirement?**

Yes. Previously completed addiction and pain management trainings may count toward meeting this requirement.

Additionally, practitioners who are board certified in addiction medicine or addiction psychiatry from the American Board of Medical Specialties, the American Board of Addiction Medicine, or the American Osteopathic Association are deemed to have completed the training requirement.

Practitioners that have graduated in good standing from a medical (allopathic or osteopathic), dental, physician assistant, or advanced practice nursing school in the United States within five years, as of June 27, 2023, and successfully completed a comprehensive curriculum that

included at least eight hours of training on OUD and SUD treatment are also considered to have met this requirement.

**I have already completed buprenorphine X-Waiver training. Does this count toward meeting the requirement?**

Yes. Past DATA-Waived training meets this requirement. In other words, if you previously held an X-Waiver, you have already met this new requirement.

**Does the eight hours of training have to occur as one educational activity or can I use a combination of multiple educational activities of varying lengths (e.g., courses, enduring materials, online activities, etc.) to meet the requirement?**

You can complete the training requirements over the course of multiple sessions as long as you complete eight hours of training.

**How do I demonstrate/prove compliance?**

When renewing or registering with the DEA, you will only need to check a box affirming you have completed the required training. While evidence of completion is not required on application materials, you should retain certificates of completion as evidence that you have met the requirement.