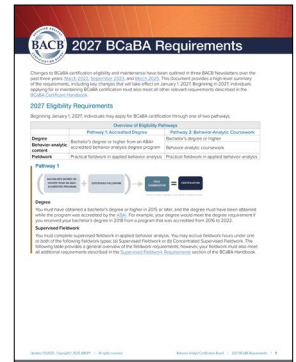
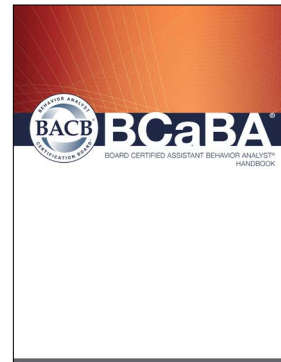




Guidance for Meeting the BCaBA Requirements During the 2027 Transition

If you are unsure whether you will apply for BCaBA certification before or after **January 1, 2027**—the date when new eligibility requirements go into effect—we recommend planning ahead to ensure that you are prepared to meet **both** the current and upcoming requirements. This document is provided as a resource that you can use with your supervisor, advisor, or program coordinator for planning purposes.

Review the [current and new requirements](#) carefully, particularly if you are unsure whether you will apply before or after January 1, 2027. As a reminder, if you do not apply and meet the current requirements **before January 1, 2027**, you will need to meet the new requirements that take effect on that date.



Eligibility Pathways to BCaBA Certification

There are no changes to the eligibility pathways for BCaBA certification. Pathway 1 and pathway 2 continue to be the only options for eligibility.

- **Pathway 1:** Degree from Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI) Accredited or Recognized Program
- **Pathway 2:** Behavior-Analytic Coursework

Degree (Pathways 1 and 2)

There are no changes to the degree requirements for either pathway 1 or pathway 2.

Coursework (Pathway 2)

The pathway 2 coursework requirements will change in several key ways under the 2027 coursework requirements (e.g., freestanding course requirements, revised content descriptions, content hour allocations, total required content hours). The following table compares the 2022 and 2027 coursework requirements for pathway 2 applicants.

| Conversion Table: 2022 Requirements to 2027 Requirements | | |
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| 2022 Requirements | | 2027 Requirements |
| Philosophical Underpinnings; Concepts and Principles (45 hours*) | ➔ | Foundations of Behavior Analysis (45 hours, 1 freestanding course**) |
| Measurement, Data Display, and Interpretation; Experimental Design (30 hours) | ➔ | Methods of Behavior Analysis (45 hours, 1 freestanding course) |
| Behavior Assessment (45 hours) | ➔ | Behavior Assessment & Intervention (90 hours, 2 freestanding courses) |
| Behavior-Change Procedures; Selecting and Implementing Interventions (60 hours) | | |
| Personnel Supervision and Management (15 hours) | ➔ | Organizational Behavior Management (45 hours, 1 freestanding course) |
| BACB Ethics Code and Code-Enforcement System; Professionalism (30 hours, 15 hours taught in 1 or more freestanding courses) | ➔ | Ethics in Behavior Analysis (45 hours, at least 15 hours in a freestanding course) |
| TOTAL: 225 hours | ➔ | TOTAL: 270 hours |

* For the purpose of establishing instructional requirements that can be applied globally, 1 semester credit hour will represent 15 hours of classroom instruction, and 1 quarter credit hour will represent 10 hours of classroom instruction. This conversion is based on [US Federal Rule](#).

** Freestanding course refers to a course in which the required content constitutes the majority of that course's content.

If you completed some or all of your coursework under the 2022 requirements and plan to apply **on or after January 1, 2027**, review the following content areas to determine whether your coursework meets the 2027 requirements:

- **Foundations of Behavior Analysis** must be completed as a standalone course beginning in 2027. If you have not taken a standalone Foundations class, you will need to do so.
- **Methods of Behavior Analysis** now requires 45 content hours (increased from 30) and must be a standalone course. If you have not taken a standalone Research/Measurement course with 45 content hours, you will need to complete one.
- **Behavior Assessment and Intervention** must now be covered in two freestanding courses. If you have not completed two separate freestanding courses covering this content, you will need to do so.
- **Organizational Behavior Management (OBM)**—previously called Personnel Supervision and Management—now requires 45 content hours (increased from 30) in a freestanding course. If you have not completed a freestanding OBM course with 45 content hours, you will need to do so.
- **Ethics in Behavior Analysis** now requires 45 content hours (increased from 30). If your coursework includes fewer than 45 content hours in Ethics, additional instruction is required.

We recommend meeting with your program advisor to review your coursework and confirm the number of content hours covered in each course.

Supervised Fieldwork (Pathways 1 and 2)

All supervised fieldwork must meet the requirements in place at the time you submit your certification application. **If you are accruing supervised fieldwork hours and are unsure whether you will apply before or after January 1, 2027**, we strongly recommend planning to meet both sets of requirements to ensure that your hours will be accepted. This includes:

- Meeting all components under both sets of requirements (see the table below)
- Completing documentation to meet both sets of requirements
- Maintaining separate documentation systems to demonstrate compliance in the event of an audit (e.g., duration of observations, percentage of supervision, etc.)
- Ensuring that all qualifying hours are accrued within five years

Depending on when you apply, you will need to submit the forms that correspond with the requirements in place at the time of your application.

If you plan carefully, it is possible to meet both the 2022 and 2027 fieldwork requirements at the same time. The following table compares the two sets of requirements, with differences shown in bold and red.

| 2022 BCaBA Fieldwork Requirements | 2027 BCaBA Fieldwork Requirements |
|--|--|
| Supervised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,300 hours • Supervision: 5% • 20–130 hours per month • Observations with a client: One per month | Supervised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,300 hours • Supervision: 5% • 20–160 hours per month • Observations with a client: 60 minutes per month |
| Concentrated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,000 hours • Supervision: 10% • 20–130 hours per month • Observations with a client: One per month | Concentrated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 800 hours • Supervision: 10% • 20–160 hours per month • Observations with a client: 90 minutes per month |

Monthly Fieldwork Verification Form (M-FVF) Guidance:

If you meet both sets of requirements and are unsure whether you will apply before or after January 1, 2027, we recommend completing both the 2022 and 2027 M-FVFs each month with your supervisor. Doing so will ensure that you are prepared for both application options.

The image displays four sample Monthly Fieldwork Verification Forms (M-FVFs) arranged in a 2x2 grid. The top row shows the 2022 forms, and the bottom row shows the 2027 forms. The left column contains forms for individual supervisors, and the right column contains forms for multiple supervisors at one organization. Each form includes sections for trainee information, supervisor information, fieldwork hours (with a table for recording hours by date), and supervisor/trainee attestation. The 2027 forms include additional sections for observation requirements and a fieldwork hours table with a 'Total Fieldwork Hours' section. The forms are labeled '2022 Individual M-FVF', '2022 Organization M-FVF', '2027 Individual M-FVF', and '2027 Organization M-FVF' at the bottom.

Considerations for Completing the M-FVF:

- **Changes to the monthly maximum accrual of hours**
 - The 2027 requirements allow for a maximum of 160 hours per month. Therefore, if you are accruing hours under the 2022 requirements, you will remain within this limit if you later apply under the 2027 requirements.
 - However, if you are accruing 160 hours per month under the 2027 requirements and later decide to apply under the 2022 requirements, you must adjust your submitted hours to 130 or fewer per month to meet the 2022 requirements.
- **Changes to observation requirements**
 - The 2022 observation requirements are contact-focused, and the 2027 requirements are duration-focused.
 - To ensure your fieldwork meets both sets of requirements, your documentation system should capture both the number of client observations (contacts) and the duration (in minutes) of each contact per month.
- **M-FVFs must match the requirements in effect at the time you apply**
 - If you apply under the 2022 requirements, you must maintain documentation using the 2022 M-FVFs. If you apply under the 2027 requirements, you must use the 2027 M-FVFs.
 - The easiest way to ensure compliance is to complete and retain both sets of forms while accruing fieldwork.
 - Although M-FVFs are not submitted with your application, both you and your supervisor must retain all fieldwork documentation, including M-FVFs, for at least seven years and provide it to the BACB upon request.

Final Fieldwork Verification Form (F-FVF) Guidance:

If you meet both sets of requirements and are unsure whether you will apply before or after January 1, 2027, we recommend completing both forms (i.e., the 2022 F-FVF and the 2027 F-FVF) with your supervisor to ensure you are prepared for both application options.

| 2022 Individual F-FVF | 2022 Organization F-FVF | 2027 Individual F-FVF | 2027 Organization F-FVF |
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BCaBA Examination

As of January 1, 2025, the BCaBA examination has been based on the [BCaBA Test Content Outline \(6th ed.\)](#). Currently, there are no upcoming changes to the BCaBA examination or the Test Content Outline (TCO).

Moving forward, updates to the BCaBA examination and the TCO will occur independently of changes to certification requirements. This approach allows for revisions to examination content more frequently, if needed, in response to developments in the profession.