



# The Integrity of the BACB® and its Certification Programs

## Application Safeguards

Applicants for certification as a Board Certified Behavior Analyst® (BCBA®) must undergo rigorous review, including, but not limited to the following:

- [Degree verification](#) – submitted from the [original source](#)
- [Coursework verification](#) – directly identified on the transcripts
- [Experience verification](#) – subject to additional [audit](#) to ensure veracity of experience claimed
- [Ethical verification](#) – conducted via applicant reporting and independent verification against those currently sanctioned

## Ongoing/Maintenance Safeguards

Certificants must demonstrate ongoing compliance with BACB maintenance and ethical requirements, including, but not limited to:

- Uploading [proof of continuing education completion](#), which is subject to additional [audit](#)
- Reporting investigations, charges and sanctions
  - The BACB enforces an [Ethical and Professional Compliance Code](#)
  - The BACB provides a rigorous [ethical enforcement and disciplinary process](#)
  - The BACB publically [reports certain sanctions](#) on the BACB's website
  - The BACB [collaborates with state regulators](#) in handling ethical matters

## Organizational Safeguards

- The BACB is committed to meeting best industry standards for credentialing of behavior analysts
  - Unlike other certification boards, the BACB was incorporated in 1998 to address the needs of state agencies in credentialing behavior analysts. Accordingly, the BACB received 501(c)(3) tax exempt status on the basis of the BACB's [Lessening the Burden of Government](#)
- The BACB's BCBA, BCaBA, and RBT credentials are all nationally accredited by the [National Commission for Certifying Agencies](#)
- The BACB Board of Directors includes certificant-elected directors

## Additional information

Additional information about the BACB is available at [www.bacb.com](http://www.bacb.com)

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