

Information about the co-sponsorship policy change effective March 30, 2018

What is changing?	<p>Distance learning formats. Effective March 30, 2018, co-sponsorship for distance learning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Will be approved for:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Live synchronous distance learning activity (e.g., live webinar, live teleconference, or live audio/video conference).• Will not be approved for:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Asynchronous distance learning (e.g., home study, online activity, prerecorded webinar, teleconference, or audio/video conference)
When does the policy go into effect?	<p>The effective date of the policy is March 30, 2018. However, implementation varies according to when your current ACE approval period expires, as explained below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New co-sponsorship applications from new ACE applicants or current ACE providers not yet approved to co-sponsor or not approved to co-sponsor in asynchronous formats will only be approved under the terms of the new policy beginning September 1, 2017.• Current providers who submit renewal applications for a new approval period that starts after March 30, 2018, will only be allowed approval for co-sponsorship for face to face or live distance education, regardless of previously approved formats.• Current providers who are approved to co-sponsor and whose ACE approval period expires after March 30, 2018, will continue to be approved to offer co-sponsorship for all course formats that they are currently approved for until their current ACE approval period expires.
What does this policy change mean for ACE providers approved for co-sponsorship?	<p>Under the new policy, ACE providers approved for co-sponsorship will not be permitted to co-sponsor asynchronous distance learning activity.</p> <p>ACE providers approved for co-sponsorship may continue to co-sponsor live in-person learning activities and live synchronous distance learning activities.</p>
What does this policy change mean for co-sponsors?	<p>Under the new policy, co-sponsorship for asynchronous distance learning formats will not be approved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• For co-sponsors who are currently co-sponsoring with an ACE provider for asynchronous formats, the new policy becomes effective upon expiration of the current approval period of the ACE provider with whom co-sponsors are working.• Co-sponsors may apply to become ACE-approved providers if they wish to offer asynchronous distance learning formats.
Future plans	<p>Starting April 1, 2018, ACE providers will be required to send an updated list of co-sponsors, formats, contact email, and other pertinent data to ASWB ACE staff on a quarterly basis.</p>