

## Information about the cosponsorship policy change effective June 1, 2019

**ACE Cosponsorship definition:** More than one organization works together in the development, distribution, and/or presentation of a continuing education training (e.g., workshops, conferences, distance learning, etc.) that will offer continuing education credit to social work licensees. Organizations serving only as financial sponsors of that event are not considered cosponsors under this definition.

**What is changing? Requirements to be able to offer continuing education credit as an ACE provider for a cosponsored continuing education training. As of June 1, 2019:**

- ACE providers will no longer have provider-level approval to cosponsor courses with other organizations that are not ACE providers, regardless of the date their current ACE provider approval period ends.
- **Automatic provider-level approval** will be granted to all ACE providers in good standing that wish to cosponsor continuing education trainings with other ACE providers in good standing, regardless of whether any of the ACE providers had previous approval to cosponsor granted by ACE. This automatic approval will be allowed for all formats that all ACE providers offering the training together are approved to offer.
- **Individual course approval** will be required if:
  - an ACE provider is not in good standing
  - one or more ACE providers are not approved for the format of the cosponsored training
  - any of the cosponsoring organizations is not an ACE provider

**When does the policy go into effect?**

The effective date of the policy is June 1, 2019. Starting in July 2018:

- All ACE providers who currently have cosponsorship approval will be informed of the new policy and required to sign an acknowledgment that they understand the new policy and agree to comply with the new policy on the date it becomes effective.
- All ACE providers who do not currently have cosponsorship approval, and who wish to apply for cosponsor approval under the current cosponsorship policy standards, will be informed of the upcoming new policy and required to sign an acknowledgment that they understand the upcoming new policy and agree to comply with the new policy on the date it becomes effective.

**What does this policy change mean for ACE providers already approved for co-sponsorship?**

**Existing provider-level approvals will no longer be in place for any ACE provider who had cosponsorship approval granted by ACE.**

- ACE providers must submit individual course applications and payment to ASWB ACE for consideration of approval for all existing and new cosponsored courses that the ACE provider wishes to offer on or after June 1, 2019, that do not fall under the automatic provider-level approval guidelines listed above. Approval, if granted, will apply only to the specific course/conference submitted for individual approval.
  - If ASWB ACE approval is needed for cosponsored events in June 2019, ACE providers will need to apply in March 2019 to ensure ASWB ACE staff have 90 days to review the applications and issue a decision before the event date.
  - Providers must be in receipt of ACE program approval **before** the date of the event in order to use their ACE provider approval to offer credit for the event to licensed social workers—backdating is not permitted.