

MATE ACT Fact Sheet

Federal Agency: Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)

Effective Date: June 27, 2023

Requirement: On March 27, 2023, the [DEA notified registered practitioners](#) that they will begin to require practitioners to complete eight hours of substance use disorder training before applying for a controlled substance registration or renewing their DEA registration.

The new training requirement starts June 27, 2023, and applies to all practitioners (and mid-level practitioners), except veterinarians.

Upon initial application or the first renewal application as of June 27, 2023, practitioners will be required to check a box on their online DEA registration form—regardless of whether a registrant is completing their initial registration application or renewing their registration—affirming that they have completed the new training requirement.

Training Requirement: DEA registrants must meet one of these training requirements:

1. **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.
2. **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 of June 27, 2023, and successfully completed a comprehensive curriculum that included at least eight hours of training** on:
 - a. Treating and managing patients with opioid or other substance use disorders, including the appropriate clinical use of all drugs approved by the Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of a substance use disorder; or
 - b. Safe pharmacological management of dental pain and screening, brief intervention, and referral for appropriate treatment of patients with or at risk of developing opioid and other substance use disorders.
3. **Engage in a total of eight hours of training on treatment and management of patients with opioid or other substance use disorders.**
4. **Utilize past DATA-Waived trainings to count towards a DEA registrant's 8-hour training.**

Frequency: This is a one-time requirement.

Deadline: The deadline for satisfying this new training requirement is the date of a practitioner's next scheduled DEA registration submission—regardless of whether it is an initial registration or a renewal registration—on or after June 27, 2023.

DEA License Renewal Period: 3 years.

Cost for DEA prescriber license to DEA: \$888 for three years.

Enforcement: Self attestation on DEA registration form, with the potential for audits.

Penalties: 21 USC 843(d), states that any person who knowingly or intentionally furnishes false or fraudulent information in the application is subject to a term of imprisonment of not more than 4 years, and a fine under Title 18 of not more than \$250,000, or both.

Audit: According to the DEA, if audited, prescribers may be asked to show documentation in the form of a certificate that can show that the education was taken in advance of their DEA registration and attestation.

Documentation: DEA recommends that license holders keep documentation on the course completion for the eight-hour training requirement. This documentation should be readily available in the event of an audit.

Multi State license holders: DEA license holders working in multiple states must have multiple licenses. It is our understanding that you only need to fulfill the educational requirement once for all individual state licenses.

DEA registrations should use work address: If prescriber uses their home address in application, their home could be subject to unannounced inspections and searches.

State Requirements and DEA: Individual states may have additional educational requirements to obtain and maintain a valid license in that state. The DEA also requires that all state licensing requirements be met in order to obtain a DEA registration in that state.

Previous Training: Previously taken accredited courses on opioid and other substance abuse disorders can count towards this requirement. You should only count those courses that covered management, treatment, and referral of opioid or other substance abuse disorders and should not count the same course taken multiple times more than once. You didn't pass professional school by taking the same class repeatedly. Chances are you may still need additional credits, the [CCO DEA courses](#) allows you the flexibility of claiming those hours that you need.

Timing: The training does not have to occur in one session, it can be cumulative across multiple sessions as long as the total training equals eight hours.

Additional Information: For more information including frequently asked questions, see our resource center <https://clinicaloptions.com/content/dea-resource-center>

These requirements are effective immediately, as of June 27, 2023.