



EUROPEAN COUNCIL FOR PHARMACY EDUCATION ACCREDITATION

## HOW DOES THE ECPPhA ACCREDITATION WORK?



The European Council for Pharmacy Education Accreditation is an independent organisation founded by the European Association of Hospital Pharmacists (EAHP) and the European Society of Clinical Pharmacy (ESCP)

## WHAT IS ECPHA?

The **European Council for Pharmacy Education Accreditation (ECPHA)** is establishing a system for accrediting lifelong learning education in pharmacy. ECPHA's mission is to help **improve the quality of continuing education in pharmacy** practiced in healthcare settings across Europe via accrediting live and online lifelong learning events throughout collaborating with national healthcare professional associations and national accrediting bodies.

This will be achieved through applying **high quality standards** in the assessment of available and future continuous professional development and educational programmes, which address the needs and current practice of pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and the pharmacy staff practicing in Europe.

**ECPHA is an accreditation provider** so the goal of ECPHA is to present an additional layer to the national accreditation systems in the countries where there is one, and not be a substitute of them.

Currently most of the pharmacy organisations in Europe depend on the accreditation from non-European bodies with transnational credits, whose standards might not always meet European practice requirements.

A European body, such as ECPHA, will ensure that **accreditation of European continued education events is aligned with European practice**.

In addition, ECPHA is facilitating the attendance of national education events by participants from other countries by ensuring the transferability of continued education points between countries. ECPHA's accreditation is also open to other countries from outside Europe.

## LIVE EDUCATIONAL EVENTS (LEE)

**LEE are meetings/educational events** that have the primary purpose of providing educational materials of a pharmaceutical nature to participants, with the aim that they will achieve educational benefit. It requires **presence of a participant on the event's site**. Each form of presence and/or participation requires a robust mechanism allowing confirmation of participation.

It is expected that, as a result of this educational process, patients and other healthcare stakeholders will benefit from the lessons, applied in practice, that participants have learned.

By extension, **live webinars are considered LEEs**. A webinar is a live online educational presentation during which participation by viewers can be confirmed and they can submit questions and answers.



\* **ECPEC** = European  
Continuous Pharmacy  
Education Credit

*The recording of a live educational event made available online after the event has taken place is not considered a LEE. It is therefore not permissible to transfer the credits granted to a LEE to a viewer of an online recording of the LEE.*

The **ECPHA awards credits for LEE** on the following basis: one hour of LEE CPE activity = 1 ECPEC\* credit / 1 accredited hour of LEE = 60 mins of actual educational activity. The ECPHA does not award half credits.

#### **CRITERIA** > **ECPHA 2023 – Live Educational Events**

*These criteria explain the process and the requirements for the accreditation.*



\*\* **ELM** = e-Learning  
materials

## E-LEARNING MATERIALS

**e-Learning is learning utilising electronic technologies** to access an enduring educational content at a time convenient to a learner. In most cases, it refers to a course or programme delivered completely online. It should utilise modern available IT options.

*The accreditation of ELM\*\* is only for the educational content of the ELM and not the e-media used to deliver it.*

#### **CRITERIA** > **ECPHA 2023 – e-Learning materials**

*These criteria explain the process and the requirements for the accreditation.*

The process followed is the same as for the LEE.  
There are 3 types of e-Learning materials.

### **1. INDIVIDUAL MODULE**

- Must last min 1h - max 3h
- One application per module
- Accreditation valid for two years
- 1 ECPEC per 1 hour (60 min of education).

### **2. E-PLATFORM**

- Must have a minimum of 10 modules available from the start. Modules must last min 1h - max 3h. Modules must be complementary and part of the same educational scope
- The educational content of an accredited ELM can be changed/upgraded after the initial accreditation without submitting a new application, but providers have to make sure that the content will stay within the scope and remit of the initial accreditation

- One application for the whole platform. Accreditation valid for two years. Quality control review after 1 year (250 € VAT excluded)
- 1 ECPEC per 1 hour (60 min of education).

### 3. APP

- Must have a minimum of 10 modules available from the start
- The educational content of an accredited ELM can be changed/upgraded after the initial accreditation without submitting a new application, but the content must stay within the scope and remit of the initial accreditation
- One application for the whole app. Accreditation valid for two years. Quality control review after 1 year (250 € VAT excluded)
- 1 ECPEC per 1 hour (60 min of education).



## WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR ECPHA ACCREDITATION?

ECPHA considers accreditation events submitted by:

- an individual pharmacist or technician representing entity responsible for continuing pharmacy education
- a university or hospital department
- a scientific pharmacy society
- a national pharmacy association
- a pharmacy communication agency
- a professional congress organiser (PCO)
- applications by other types of providers will be considered on a case-by-case basis as long as the application is supported by a person or entity who will take responsibility for the application.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

*The latest date for receipt of a fully completed application form, supporting documents and confirmed payment of the ECPHA fee is 12 weeks before the planned start date of the event. A different timeline applies to trusted providers.*

In order to have an application for accreditation considered by ECPHA, the applicant must:

- submit a fully completed application, in English
- ensure that suitable information has been provided for each of the essential criteria



- provide confirmation by the pharmacist or technician who is taking responsibility for the application
- provide confirmation by the Scientific Head of the Faculty who is taking responsibility for the scientific programme.

## ECP<sup>h</sup>A FEES

*The fee for an application to the ECP<sup>h</sup>A for the accreditation of LEEs is determined in accordance with the expected total attendance of Learners and is not dependent on the number of ECPEC awards.*

### Live Educational Events (LEE) fees

- 1-100 participants ..... 175 €
- 101-250 participants ..... 375 €
- 251-500 participants ..... 675 €
- 501-1000 participants ..... 1,000 €
- 1001-2000 participants ..... 1,300 €
- 2001-5000 participants ..... 2,550 €
- more than 5000 participants ..... 4,400 €

*For more information about the **Live Webinars** and **e-Learning** fees, please contact the ECP<sup>h</sup>A team at [info@ecpha.eu](mailto:info@ecpha.eu).*



# — A NEW HORIZON FOR ACCREDITATION

**ECPPhA is establishing a system for accrediting lifelong learning education in pharmacy in Europe and internationally.**

# — IMPROVING CONTINUING EDUCATION

**ECPPhA's goal is to help improve the quality of continuing education in pharmacy practiced in healthcare settings across Europe via accrediting live and online lifelong learning events throughout collaborating with national healthcare professional associations and accrediting bodies.**

# — HIGH QUALITY STANDARDS

**ECPPhA applies high quality standards in the assessment of available educational programmes, which address the needs and current practice of pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and the pharmacy staff practicing in Europe and worldwide.**



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