

# CHEATING POLICY



Medical Review Officer  
Certification Council

Each candidate for certification and recertification is expected to take the examination without the assistance of other individuals. Candidates are required to agree to the following Statement of Integrity as part of the application process:

*I attest that I will personally take the examination without the assistance of other individuals. I agree to uphold the integrity of the examination and will take reasonable steps to maintain the security of the questions, answers or other information contained therein during or after the examination. I will not attempt to copy, print or make any record of the test questions (electronic or written), and I will not assist another candidate or communicate with others about, or otherwise disclose or disseminate any information or content from this examination, verbally, in written form, electronic form or any other form.*

If a candidate is suspected of a violation of this agreement, the following notifications and appeals procedures shall apply:

1. Written notice of the suspected violation and basis for it will be sent by first class mail and emailed to the candidate at the address on file with MROCC.
2. The candidate will have fourteen (14) days to respond in writing following receipt of such notice. If a response is not received within fourteen days, the examination will be nullified, no score will be reported, and the candidate will not be certified.
3. After considering the written response, MROCC will do one of the following:
  - Determine that no violation has occurred and notify the candidate of this fact in writing. In such cases the examination will be scored and processed as usual.
  - Request further clarification or explanation. In such cases, the candidate must respond in writing within fourteen (14) days of receiving request from MROCC. If a response is not received within fourteen days, the examination will be nullified, no score will be reported, and the candidate will not be certified.
  - Determine that a violation has occurred. In such cases, the candidate's submitted test responses will not be scored and the candidate will not be allowed to retake the certification examination or apply for a certification for a period of 3 years.

If a violation is determined, the candidate may appeal the decision. During the appeal process, the candidate will be interviewed and any additional investigation considered to be appropriate to resolve the matter will be conducted. The candidate is expected to comply with this investigation. Any failure to comply will result in the determination of a violation. Determinations made following the appeals process will be final and no further appeals will take place.

All physicians certified by MROCC are expected to maintain the integrity of the examination. A certified individual violating the Cheating Policy or Statement of Integrity may be subject to sanctions that MROCC determines appropriate, including but not limited to, barring the physician from taking MROCC examinations, invalidating examinations the physician took, and revoking the physician's certification (see Revocation Policy).