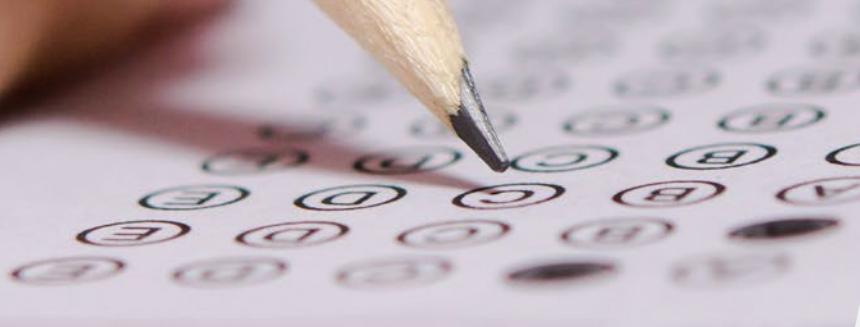




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Important Exam Notes

In-Person

ARRIVE EARLY

You should arrive 30 minutes early to your exam location. Late entry is not permitted.

DON'T FORGET

Don't forget the necessary items: photo ID, #2 pencils, an eraser, a calculator, and your coding books/references.

International Testing Centers

REMEMBER YOUR VALID GOVERNMENT ISSUED ID

You are required to present a valid, government-issued photo ID (e.g., driver's license, passport, state-issued ID card) on exam day. Ensure that your first and last name on the photo ID EXACTLY match your first and last name as they appear on your exam confirmation. If you have more than one last name or a suffix listed on your government-issued photo ID, the same last names must be reflected on the confirmation notice. If your name is incorrect, please contact AAPC at 800-626-2633. Temporary, copies, or digital IDs are NOT permitted.

DON'T FORGET

Don't forget your confirmation notice and ear plugs. Personal items will NOT be allowed in the exam room and must be left outside of the exam room AT YOUR OWN RISK.

Note: International Testing Centers within India will be provided references.

Prohibited Items



Electronic Devices

No electronic devices with an on/off switch or any device capable of capturing and storing an image are allowed into the examination room. Failure to comply will result in disqualification of your exam. This list includes, but is not limited to cell phones, tablets, smart watches, Fitbits, etc.

References Not Allowed

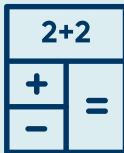
1. Study Guides
2. Procedural Coding Expert
3. Any Procedural Professional
4. CPT Plus! – PMIC
5. CPT Insider's View – AMA
6. ICD-10-CM Easy Coder

Live Remote Proctored Prohibited Items

1. External monitor (A laptop connected to a monitor is not allowed, even if the laptop is closed)
2. Pets or additional people in the room
3. Electronic devices (including your phone and a calculator)
4. Headphones

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Calculator

Manual calculators are allowed on all exams. No smart phones, smart watches or Fitbits.



Book Notes

Handwritten notes are acceptable in the coding books only if they pertain to daily coding activities.

Long passages of information are not permitted on the blank pages. Questions from the Study Guides, Practice Exams, or the Exam itself are prohibited. Altering, whiting out, painting, or printing over any pages within the code books (e.g., marketing pages, table of contents, reference pages, etc.) to supplement information is prohibited.



Book Tabs

Tabs may be inserted, taped, pasted, glued, or stapled in the manuals so long as the obvious intent of the tab is to earmark a page with words or numbers, not supplement information in the book.



Book Year

All AAPC exams are based on the current calendar year's code sets, so we strongly suggest you use the current year's books. The previous calendar year's books may be used on an exam, but you would be at obvious disadvantage doing so. The upcoming year's books are not allowed for exam use. The exams are updated every January for the new code sets.

Core Certification

Exam	Certification	Questions	Books*/ References
Certified Professional Coder	CPC®	100	1, 2, 3
Certified Inpatient Coder	CIC™	40 multiple choice, 7 inpatient cases (fill in the blank)	2, 10
Certified Outpatient Coder	COCT™	100	1, 2, 3
Certified Professional Biller	CPB™	135	1, 2, 3
Certified Professional Medical Auditor	CPMA®	100	1, 2, 3, 4
Certified Professional Compliance Officer	CPCOT™	100	11, 12
Certified Physician Practice Manager	CPPM®	135	12
Certified Risk Adjustment Coder	CRCT™	100	2
Certified Documentation Expert Outpatient	CDEO®	100	1, 2, 3, 4, 12

* Books/References

1. CPT® (AMA Professional edition ONLY, no other publisher is allowed)
2. Your choice of ICD-10-CM
Also approved: The printed ICD-10-CM Official Guidelines (*Highlighting, underlining and brief notations needed for day-to-day coding is permitted on the printed side of the page, long passages of information is not permitted on the blank pages of the print out*)
3. Your choice of HCPCS Level II
4. E/M Audit Worksheets of your choice
5. ASA RVG™
6. ASA CROSSWALK®
7. Anatomical charts or pictures of the vascular tree (*These may have codes on them*)
8. Both volumes of the Coding Companion
9. One reference of choice (includes medical dictionary)
10. Your choice of ICD-10-PCS
11. OIG references -
Notes on printed side of pages are allowed
 - i. OIG Supplemental Compliance Program Guidance for Hospitals
 - ii. OIG Compliance Program for Individuals & Small Group Physician Practices
 - iii. OIG Compliance Program Guidance for Third-Party Medical Billing Companies
12. AAPC Reference Guides

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Ambulatory Surgery Center	CASCC™	100	1, 2, 3, 9
Anesthesia/Pain Management	CANPC™	100	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9
Cardiology	CCC™	100	1, 2, 3, 4, 7
Cardiovascular/ Thoracic	CCVTC™	100	1, 2, 3, 4, 7
Dermatology	CPCD™	100	1, 2, 3, 4, 9
Emergency Department	CEDC™	100	1, 2, 3, 4, 9
Evaluation and Management	CEMC™	100	1, 2, 3, 4, 9
Family Practice	CFPC™	100	1, 2, 3, 4, 9
Gastroenterology	CGIC™	100	1, 2, 3, 4, 9
General Surgery	CGSC™	100	1, 2, 3, 4, 9
Hematology/ Oncology	CHONC™	100	1, 2, 3, 4, 9
Obstetrics/ Gynecology	COBGC™	100	1, 2, 3, 4, 9
Orthopaedic Surgery	COSC™	100	1, 2, 3, 4, 9
Pediatric	CPEDC™	100	1, 2, 3, 4, 9
Rheumatology	CRHC™	100	1, 2, 3, 4, 9
Urology	CUC™	100	1, 2, 3, 4, 9
Ophthalmology	COPC®	100	1, 2, 3, 4, 9
Interventional Radiology and Cardiovascular	CIRCC®	100	1, 3, 7

Instructor Certification

2 hours to complete

Exam	Certification	Questions	Books* / References
CPC Instructor	Approved Instructor	50	1, 2, 3
CPB Instructor	Approved Instructor	70	1, 2, 3
CPPM Instructor	Approved Instructor	70	12
CRC Instructor	Approved Instructor	50	2
CIC Instructor	Approved Instructor	50	2, 10
COC Instructor	Approved Instructor	50	1, 2, 3
CPMA Instructor	Approved Instructor	50	1, 2, 3, 4
CDEO Instructor	Approved Instructor	50	1, 2, 3, 4, 9
CPCO Instructor	Approved Instructor	50	

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Books/References for Live Remote Proctoring (LRP) & International Testing Centers



ID

A government Issued ID is required for an exam. Copies of ID's are not permitted.



External Webcam

You must position the webcam so that the proctor will be able to see your face, hands, keyboard, and the area surrounding your keyboard (about 10 inches).



Laptop OR Desktop Computer

Your computer must pass the minimum system requirements for the online CPC exam. You can test your computer in a few seconds any time prior to the exam. Please go to speedtest.net, your upload and download should be at least 5.0 Mbps.



Drink on Desk

Drinks are allowed on all exams.

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COC Instructor	COC-I	50	1, 2, 4
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CPCO Instructor	CPCO-I	50	

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