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Transitioning from an In-Person Continuing Education Activity to an Online Continuing Education Activity

What type of continuing education is the online activity?

Instructional Media

- A type of continuing education activity utilizing instructional materials including, but not limited to, printed, recorded, and/or computer-assisted materials.
- Instructional media may be used over time at various locations and in themselves constitute a planned continuing education activity.
- Examples include, but are not limited to:
 - Books
 - Journals
 - Computer-assisted instructional programs.
- Requirements include:
 - A post-assessment and evaluation methods
 - The passing score for the post-assessment
 - Must be free from "commercial breaks" and advertising within the educational content
- Requirements do not include:
 - Attendance verifications

Internet Live Activity

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- An online continuing educational activity available at a certain time on a certain date and available only in real-time, just as if it were a continuing educational activity held in an auditorium.
- Once the event has taken place, learners may no longer participate in that activity.
 - Examples include, but are not limited to:
 - A webcast
- Requirements include:
 - An evaluation process at the completion of the activity
 - Perform a minimum of two attendance verifications if the activity is four hours or more and perform one attendance verification if the activity is less than four hours
 - Must be free from commercial bias and advertising
- Requirements do not include:
 - A post-assessment
- If an internet live activity is the type of continuing education activity being offered, here are a few webinar platforms offering free services:
 - <u>Google Hangouts</u>
 - <u>Zoom</u>



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- <u>WebEx</u>
- <u>GoToMeeting</u>
- <u>GoToWebinar</u>

Some questions to consider when searching for a STREAMING/HOSTING COMPANY -

- Does it offer video features?
- Does it offer help with quizzes, evaluations, or issuing continuing education certificates?
- Does it offer registration tracking?
- Is there a limit on group size?
- Is there a chat feature?
- Does it work on multiple devices and platforms?

<u>Helpful links</u>

- Council on Podiatric Medical Education
- Federation of Podiatric Medical Boards
- <u>Google Forms & Surveys</u>
- <u>Survey Monkey</u>