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## 5. Refund and Cancellation Policy

This Refund and Cancellation Policy is subject to change at any time. The published version at the time of the request will be the version used to determine your refund eligibility.

Requests for refunds must be made in writing and can be submitted to: info@qababoard.com. Requests must include the name provided at time of enrollment, a detailed account giving the reason the student wishes to withdraw, and why student feels a refund should be issued.

Basis upon which refunds are considered:

**a. ADMIN FEE:** An administration fee of 10% of the full, undiscounted, program cost, will apply to all refunds. There are no exceptions.

#### **b. REFUND PERIOD:**

- i. If a student has enrolled in a course, but not entered the course, and the period between enrollment and notification of withdrawal does not exceed 30 days from the enrollment date, a refund will be issued for the full amount of the course fee, less the Admin Fee.
- ii. If a student has entered the course (or series of courses), completed any amount of coursework, and the period between enrollment and notification of withdrawal does not exceed 30 days from the enrollment date, any refund due will be calculated based on the percentage of the course completed as of the last date of activity on the Learning Management System (LMS). This will only apply up to the point of 50% of the coursework being completed.
- iii. After fifty percent (50%) of coursework has been completed, irrespective of the amount of time passed, QABA's obligation is considered complete and it may retain the full tuition.

#### c. SPECIAL PAYMENT TYPES:

- i. COURSE SERIES: If a series of courses, or a specific program, is paid for in advance, whether at full tuition, at a discounted tuition, or as part of a promotion, refund requests are accepted for consideration within 30 days of the date upon which tuition, or any part of tuition, is received by QABA.
- ii. PAYMENT PLANS: If tuition is being paid via a PAYMENT PLAN, then enrollment in all courses covered by the payment plan are subject to the same terms as if tuition is paid for in full and in advance. For these purposes, Tuition is considered to have been received by QABA upon signing of the payment plan agreement.

#### d. AFTER THE 30 DAY REFUND PERIOD:

- i. If the period between enrollment and notification of withdrawal exceeds 30 days from the enrollment date, whether coursework has been started or not, an application for refund may still be submitted up until 90 days from enrollment date. However, QABA is under NO obligation to refund the tuition. Consideration will be given to the refund request, and the student will be notified within 30 days from the request for refund submission date as to the success of the application. Once a decision has been made and the student notified, all decisions are final and QABA will not enter into further discussion.
- ii. In cases of course series or program series paid for in advance, the maximum refund given after the 30 refund period will be 50% of any courses not entered, however there is no refund guaranteed in this case.
- iii. Under the terms of having entered into a PAYMENT PLAN agreement, all decisions regarding refunds or forgiving of agreed payments, are at the sole discretion of QABA and decisions regarding such are final and discussion will not be entered into.

#### e. FINAL DATE FOR REFUNDS:

i. There will be no refunds granted on any course or series of courses or examinations at any time following 90 days from enrollment date.

# f. REFUND TIME FRAMES:

- i. Once a request is submitted, QABA has up to 30 days from the date the request is received to determine if a refund will be issued and the amount that will refunded.
- ii. The Date of Determination is the date upon which the student receives notice of the outcome of the refund request.
  - iii. Refunds will typically be paid within forty-five (45) calendar days of the Date of Determination.

# g. WHO WILL RECEIVE THE REFUND:

i. Any refund paid by QABA will only be issued to the party who made payment to QABA, even if payment was made on behalf of the student.

## h. CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE REFUNDS WILL NOT BE ISSUED:



- i. TECHNICAL ISSUES: Refunds are not available for students who have experienced technical issues. Although we work hard to do everything possible to avoid issues, many aspects of the technology fall outside of our control such as hosting and server functionality.
- ii. FAILURE TO USE COUPON CODES: Refunds will not be available for failure by user to use coupon codes. Students that either forget to enter a coupon code, or receive said coupon code after the course has been paid for, are no longer eligible for the discount related to that code.
- iii. UNAUTHORIZED CODE USE: Refunds will not be given to anyone who utilizes a coupon code not belonging to them, their employer, or without exclusive permission from QABA.

# i. DUPLICATE PAYMENTS:

i. If an employer contacts us and pays for a course for a student, either in part or in full, a coupon code will be issued to the employer to give to the student. Said coupon code will allow the student entry into the course at either no cost, or at a reduced cost, depending on how much was paid by the employer. If the student enters the course, neglects to enter the coupon code, and pays full price for the course, there is no refund available to either party. If the employer does not receive the code, or in error, does not give it to the student for use, and the student pays for the course in full, QABA will grant a credit to the employer for the amount that was overpaid, which can be applied towards another seat in any course in its catalog. The issue of duplicate payment is then between the student and their employer, and QABA will not be involved.



## j. INDEPENDENT FIELDWORK:

i. Because we must contract with a fieldwork provider for this type of program, we cannot refund any fees paid for Independent Fieldwork courses under any circumstances. This includes, but is not limited to, BCBA Accelerated Independent Fieldwork, Supervision, and Practicum's.

#### **CANCELLATIONS:**

- 1. Eligibility: Some courses and programs require a student to agree that they meet pre-defined eligibility criteria to gain entry. Should a student agree to said terms, but it is subsequently found that, for any reason, eligibility criteria cannot be verified (see sections 7 & 8), then the student will be informed, and the enrollment will be cancelled.
- 2. Recommendations and Fieldwork Verification: Some courses and programs require a student receive Recommendations and Fieldwork Verification from people who are in supervisory positions of the student. Recommendations may verify that the student meets certain pre-defined standards considered preferable for people wanting to complete the course or program. Fieldwork Verification requires that the person can verify the student meets certain pre-defined practical experience related to the study topic.
- 3. A student can begin coursework prior to Recommendations and Fieldwork Verification being complete. Should recommendations and verification of fieldwork subsequently be unable to be verified, then the enrollment may be cancelled.
- 4. If a student' enrollment is cancelled, and they have completed less than 50% of the coursework, a \$200 fee will apply and will be deducted from a refund due. Where the course or program cost is less than \$200, then no refund will be made. If a student's enrollment is cancelled, and they have completed 50% or more of the coursework, there is no refund available. Exceptions and variations to this fee are entirely at the discretion of QABA and will be determined on a case by case basis.

#### 6. Coupon Code Usage

- a. The coupon codes we issue and authorize are subject to the following terms and conditions:
- i. The coupon code must be entered by the customer at the time of making payment for the examination or program. Failure to do so does not entitle the user to a refund of the coupon discount amount after the purchase for the enrollment is complete. We cannot retro-actively apply coupon discounts for examination or program purchases already completed.
- 1. All coupon codes we issue are non-negotiable.
- 2. Unless specifically noted, coupons are valid for one use per customer.
- 3. We reserve the right to cancel or reject any order if in our opinion the coupon used was unauthorized, ineligible, obtained illegally or altered in any way.
- 4. Discount coupons may not be used on orders which have already been discounted
- 5. The coupon codes we issue may be used for *online purchases only*.
- vii. Any variation of coupon code terms and conditions is entirely at the discretion of QABA.

# 7. Re-activation of Expired Programs

a. If a student's program expires (has exceeded the time approved for completion), the learner account can be re-activated upon payment of a \$50 re-activation fee. The re-activation fee will cover all costs associated with reactivation of the account and all administration costs. Once re-activated, a revised expiry date will be approved by the Program Director.

## 8. Eligibility Information

a. In order to enroll in a particular program, there MAY be specific eligibility criteria that must be met. Prior to gaining access, a candidate must agree that they meet these criteria and that they agree to these Terms and Conditions. Failure to do so will result in access not being granted.

Should a candidate agree that they meet the required eligibility criteria but it is subsequently found that they do not, this MAY result in cancellation of any completion awards (e.g.: credentials; certificates; Continuing Education Units etc.)

# 9. Evidence of Eligibility Information



a. In cases where a candidate is not required to upload copies of eligibility information at the time of enrolling in a program, QABA reserves the right to request proof/evidence of existence of any eligibility information that has been agreed to by a candidate, at any time. Such proof/evidence may be supply of original or notarized copies of relevant documents and/or further evidence of supervised fieldwork by the appropriately qualified individual.

b. In cases where a candidate is required to upload copies of eligibility information at the time of enrolling in a program QABA reserves the right to request additional proof/evidence of existence of any eligibility information that has been uploaded by a candidate, at any time. Such proof/evidence may be supply of original or notarized copies of relevant documents and/or further evidence of supervised fieldwork by the appropriately qualified individual.

# 10. Right to Sharing of Information

- a. If the cost of tuition has been contributed to in part or in full by an employer, or if you have been issued a Coupon Code by your employer; school; school district or other organization, you agree that QABA has the right to share information related to your learner account and activity related to examinations with said employer as it deems appropriate. Such information might include (neither complete nor exhaustive):
  - i. Progress
  - ii. Completion dates
  - iii. Enrollment dates
  - iv. Time stamps including:
  - System Access
  - Completion
- b. If, for any reason, you or QABA is subject to legal proceedings and information that may contain information related to you or your activity is subject to subpoena.

## 11. Public Registry Information

a. For people completing particular Applied Behavior Analysis examinations and programs, there is a requirement that the individuals names, location (State only) and some other non-identifying information, is entered into the Qualified Applied Behavior Analysis Certification Board public registry. The purpose of the registry is to allow people completing approved ABA coursework to subsequently complete requirements for the QASP and ABAT credentials. Where a course or program has this requirement, this is highlighted and agreed to during the registration and enrollment process.

# 12. Suspension and Revocation of Certification

a. In the event of suspension or revocation of a certification, the certified person agrees to refrain from further promotion of the certification while it is suspended and/or revoked pending resolution of allegation or concern.

### 13. Right to Contact Subscribers

a. QABA reserves the right to contact a subscriber, for the purposes of promoting products and/or services, when said subscriber has provided contact information as part of enrollment. Personal subscriber information will never be shared with a third party and QABA will make every effort to protect and keep private said information at all times other than that covered by clause 11a.

# 14. Right to Revise Terms and Conditions

a. QABA may, at any time, revise the Terms and Conditions contained herein by updating this posting. You will be bound by such revisions and, therefore, should periodically visit this page on the Site to review the then-current Terms and Conditions that are in effect.