

# Misuse of the “CMA (AAMA)®,” “CMA,” or “Certified Medical Assistant®” Report Form

This form may be used to report an alleged misuse of the “CMA (AAMA)” or “CMA” initialisms or the “Certified Medical Assistant” phrase. A medical assistant who does not hold a medical assisting credential, or who holds a credential other than the CMA (AAMA), or whose CMA (AAMA) is not current, is not permitted to use these initialisms or this phrase.

Examples of misuse can be found on a name badge, a signature, a résumé, a job description, an advertisement for a medical assisting position, or a document.

Please furnish evidence of the alleged misuse of the initialisms or phrase by a medical assistant and/or an employer. Examples of evidence are facsimiles of a name badge, a signature, a résumé, a job description, an advertisement for a medical assisting position, and a document.

Provide as much of the following information you have knowledge of:

Name of the individual allegedly misusing the initialisms or the phrase (include current last name and any previous last names):

Individual’s email address:

Individual’s mailing address:

1. What circumstances caused you to discover that the initialisms and/or the phrase were allegedly being misused?

2. Did any other individuals witness this alleged misuse? If so, could you please provide the names and contact information of these individuals?

3. When did you discover this alleged misuse?

## Letters and the Law

Using the phrase “Certified Medical Assistant®,” or the initialisms “CMA (AAMA)®” or “CMA,” to describe a medical assistant who has not been awarded or has not maintained currency of the CMA (AAMA) credential from the Certifying Board of the American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA) is both incorrect and a matter of intellectual property law.

See also [“Letters and the law: Misuse of ‘CMA \(AAMA\)’ and ‘CMA’ can have legal consequences.”](#)

Complete this form and attach it to an email or mail to:

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