

**How to Combine and Bookmark PDF Files for Submission**

Prior to combining all required documents into a single PDF file, all files should first be saved as Adobe PDF files. The program application, graduation certificate, and resident(s)’ signed offer letter should be scanned into PDF format.

For instructions on how to **combine** and **bookmark** files, select the appropriate link below based upon your current version of Adobe® Acrobat®.

**Combine Files**

[**Adobe Acrobat XI Tutorial**](https://helpx.adobe.com/acrobat/11/using/merging-files-single-pdf.html)

**[Adobe Acrobat DC Tutorial](https://helpx.adobe.com/acrobat/how-to/combine-files-into-pdf.html?playlist=/ccx/v1/collection/product/acrobat-dc/segment/designer/explevel/beginner/applaunch/basictraining/collection.ccx.js?ref=helpx.adobe.com)**

[**Thumbnails and Bookmarks**](https://helpx.adobe.com/acrobat/using/page-thumbnails-bookmarks-pdfs.html) **– scroll to ‘About Bookmarks’**

When several PDF files are combined into a single document, automatic bookmarks are created. Please review these auto-generated bookmarks to ensure they mirror the document names listed in Document Checklist – if they do not match, PLEASE REVISE THE BOOKMARK names to match the document names in Document Checklist.

Examples of the correct use of bookmarks:

 

Please note – if a required document is included in your residency manual, you can bookmark the specific section/text. Instructions for this process are included in the [**Thumbnails and Bookmarks**](https://helpx.adobe.com/acrobat/using/page-thumbnails-bookmarks-pdfs.html) link. Alternately, you may include relevant page numbers on the Document Checklist instead of using the Bookmark function.

**Specific Instructions for Bookmarks of Preceptor APRs, Multi-*program* surveys, and surveys of programs with more than one primary practice site**†**:**

1. For the **Preceptors’ APR** Forms, please create individual subfolders for each preceptor’s APR **organized alphabetically** **by preceptor last name.**
	1. *NOTE*: If using PharmAcademic™ for APR submission, ALL APRs must be documented in PharmAcademic™ (note this on the DOCUMENT CHECKLIST); if some but not all are housed in PharmAcademic™, APRS MUST be submitted as a separate, combined PDF file
	2. For multi-program sites, ALL site preceptor APRs should be combined into a single PDF file and submitted as part of the COMMON PACKET. (see [***OVERVIEW AND INSTRUCTIONS - PREPARING FOR YOUR SURVEY VISIT***](https://www.ashp.org/professional-development/residency-information/residency-program-resources/residency-accreditation/residency-accreditation-survey-readiness) - APR and Preceptor Roster instructions)
2. For programs that have more than one primary practice site, create subfolders labeled by site name for documents that differ between sites.

e.g., Services grids, others as applicable

†**Primary Practice Site:** The primary practice site is the physical location (e.g., hospital campus, FQHC, community pharmacy, managed care facility, outpatient clinic) where the majority of the resident’s training is conducted relative to the other participating site(s), as applicable