



## Recertification Requirements

### Background:

Members of the public and medical community rely on the systems of certification and licensure to identify individuals who have the qualifications and competence to offer services in a wide range of professional activities. The Accountable Care Act (ACA), passed last year by Congress, focuses on accountability within the health care system. In addition to the CMS mandate to assure competence of health workers, accreditation agencies, such as the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA), that accredits testing agencies like CBRPA, holds that recertification is essential and that certification programs must measure and enhance competence.

Practitioner competence is as important as system safety. JCAHO requires health care institutions to have a system for periodic assessment and verification of actions taken to assure patient safety and quality care. Individual competence, including technical knowledge, practical skills, clinical performance, proper attitude, judgment and ethical behaviour, is as much a systems issue as is error prevention.

The public cannot be assured that health care professionals who demonstrated minimum levels of competence when they earned their certification continue to be competent throughout their careers. The purpose of a recertification program is to demonstrate the RPA population maintains competence in a changing medical imaging environment and provides quality patient care.

### Recertification Methods:

In an effort to determine the best methods to implement in a recertification program, CBRPA recently conducted a survey that had an overwhelming response. Discussions among the CBRPA Board of Directors coupled with analysis of the survey results yielded a consensus opinion. A combination of continuing education, maintenance of certification in radiography, as well as advanced practice in radiography, ACLS, and successfully passing a recertification examination demonstrates best practices in ensuring our certificants' ongoing competency.

Mandatory requirements for a ten-year renewal cycle will be as follows.

- ✓ Maintain annual active CBRPA certification renewal

- ✓ Maintain an annual active radiography certification
- ✓ Maintain a current ACLS certification.
- ✓ Complete 12 continuing education hours pertinent to the RPA each year.
- ✓ Complete a recertification examination every 10 years.
- ✓ Submission of required documents demonstrating completion of all requirements to the CBRPA office.
- ✓ Submission of the recertification fee, accompanying the recertification documents.

### Explanations:

1. Renewal: CBRPA registration must be renewed every year. (a) Radiography Registration must be current and renewed annually. (b) ACLS must be renewed every two years. Copies of all renewals must accompany the recertification documents.
2. All continuing education offerings must be relevant to the clinical practice of an RPA. Courses not applicable include non-clinical college courses or irrelevant on-line courses.
3. Documentation of completion of 12 credit hours of continuing education annually must be completed.
4. Complete an electronically delivered examination every ten years. The registrant will be given an initial and two additional attempts to pass the examination.

### Implementation Schedule

<b>Year Registered</b>	<b>Recertification Year</b>
2004	2014
2005	2015
2006	2016
2007	2017
1998 & 2008	2018
1999 & 2009	2019
2000 & 2010	2020
2001 & 2011	2021
2002 & 2012	2022
2003 & 2013	2023

## **Recertification Qualifications**

Individuals must possess at the time of recertification either an *Active* or a *Conditional* status with CBRPA.

### **Recertification Fee:**

The recertification fee is \$75.00 and is due when the annual renewal fee is paid. A late fee of \$50.00 is applied if more than 30 days late.

### **Passing the Recertification Exam:**

A passing grade is a raw score of 75% or 38 correctly answered. If a passing grade is not achieved, an individual may retake the examination two additional times during their birth month and must pay the recertification fee each time. If a passing score is not realized after the initial attempt, two additional attempts are permitted. If a passing score is not achieved, the individual must attend the Recertification Seminar conducted during the annual CBRPA meeting and pay the registration fee for the seminar. The individual will be placed on a conditional status until attendance at the Review Seminar and a passing grade on the recertification exam is achieved.

### **Failure to Complete the Recertification Exam**

The certificate of an individual who fails to complete the recertification requirements will be revoked. If needed, a thirty (30) day grace period following the birth month will be allowed to complete the exam.