

# Certificate of Competency in Problem Gambling Application

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## DIRECTIONS/CHECKLIST

- Certificates of attendance for trainings.
- Fee of \$100 – non-refundable. May be paid by check/ money order (payable to PCB) or with VISA or MasterCard.

The Certificate of Competency in Problem Gambling is available **only** to those professionals holding a current and valid CADC, CAADC, CCJP, CCDP, CCDP Diplomate or CCS credential from PCB and who meet the education requirement. The Certificate of Competency in Problem Gambling is not a credential but rather a certificate indicating the completion of training requirements. The Certificate of Competency in Problem Gambling is not time limited, and can be obtained at any time once the training requirement is met.

Keep a photocopy of the entire application. Send your completed application, copies of certificates of attendance, attachments, and fee to:

PCB  
298 S. Progress Avenue  
Harrisburg, PA 17109  
Phone: (717) 540-4455 Fax: (717) 540-4458  
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# REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY IN PROBLEM GAMBLING

## Prerequisite

- Applicant must hold a CADC, CAADC, CCJP, CCDP, CCDP Diplomate or CCS that is in good standing.

## Education

- 30 hours of approved gambling specific education as defined in the Gambling Knowledge Areas.
- Education is defined as formal, structured instruction in the form of workshops, seminars, institutes, in-services, college/university credit courses and PCB approved distance education.
- Education, as defined above, applicant provides to others may also be used providing it is verified in writing by sponsoring school or agency.

## Knowledge Areas

1. Knowledge of gambling, problem gambling and pathological gambling: treatment and rehabilitation/recovery, understanding the history, prevalence and social impact of gambling in the US as well as the significant literature in the field;
2. Understanding the history and theoretical basis for treatment of pathological/problem gamblers, as well as familiarity with current research in the field;
3. The effect of problem/pathological gambling on the gambler personally, interpersonally, financially, as well as management of the disorder and the recovery process;
4. Knowledge of sociocultural values and attitude systems related to finances, pathological/problem gambling and spiritual concerns;
5. Knowledge of effective medical, psychological, social service and spiritual management of pathological/problem gamblers, as well as the recovery process;
6. Knowledge of sociocultural values and effective medical, psychological, social service and spiritual management of the family of the pathological/problem gambler;
7. Knowledge of the effect of pathological/problem gambling on occupational and legal concerns;
8. Knowledge of pathological and problem gambling;
9. Knowledge of stages of change theory with problem and pathological gamblers and families;
10. Knowledge of the steps, traditions and philosophy of Gamblers Anonymous, its relation to various treatments and the programs of Gam-Anon and Gam-A-Teen.

## Fees

Certification: \$100

*(fee must accompany application and materials)*

## **CERTIFICATION TIME PERIOD**

The Certificate of Competency in Problem Gambling expiration date will match the expiration date of the qualifying credential. Two dates, date of issue and valid through, will appear on the certificate along with a certification number.

## **APPEAL PROCESS**

The purpose of appeal is to determine if PCB accurately, adequately and fairly reviewed applicant's file. A letter requesting an appeal must be made to PCB in writing within 30 days of the notification of the board's action. A person shall be considered notified three days after the relevant date of mailing. The written appeal will be sent to the Executive Committee who in turn will thoroughly review the entire application and materials to determine whether or not applicant should have been denied approval. Applicant will be notified in writing as to the findings of the Executive Committee.

## **RECERTIFICATION**

To maintain the high standards of this professional practice and to assure continuing awareness of new knowledge in the field, PCB requires recertification every two years.

To recertify the Certificate of Competency in Problem Gambling an individual must:

1. Hold a current and valid certificate issued by PCB;
2. Submit the appropriate number of approved education hours for their qualifying credential and include six hours of approved gambling specific education. Professionals recertifying their credential(s) may be subject to an audit. Review the recertification application for more details;
3. Complete an application and pay the recertification fee.

## **LAPSED CERTIFICATION**

The completed recertification application should be received at PCB prior to the expiration date. If the application is incomplete, applicant will be notified by phone or email depending on what has been indicated by applicant.

There is no grace period. The Certificate of Competency in Problem Gambling will lapse if the qualifying credential is not renewed by the expiration date.

All certified professionals should review the recertification application well in advance of the expiration date. A Reinstatement Fee is due if the recertification is late between one day and 12 months. After 12 months, no recertification is possible and applicant would have to reapply for the credential, meeting all current requirements.

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Form can be completed and saved. You may then print the appropriate pages to submit to PCB.

Current PCB credentials held:  AAC I  AAC II  CAAC  CADC  CAADC  CCS  APS I  APS II  CPS  CCJP  
 CCSM  CCMS  CAAP  CCDP  CCDPD  CRS  Gambling

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(required)*

Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Ext: \_\_\_\_\_

If PCB needs to contact you, please indicate your preference:  Email  Phone

Why are you pursuing certification? *(required)* \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever received any disciplinary action from another certification or licensing authority?  Yes  No  
*If yes, please explain in full on a separate sheet.*

Fee of \$100 can be paid using one of the following:

Check/MO (payable to PCB)

Credit Card (Visa or MasterCard) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

3-digit code: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please print your name as it should appear on your certificate:**

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