

The Certificate of Competency is available **only** to those professionals holding a current and valid CAC, CAC Diplomate, CCJP, CCDP, CCDP Diplomate, or CCS credential from the PA Certification Board and who meet the education requirement as described below. The Certificate of Competency is not a credential but rather a certificate indicating the completion of training requirements. **The Certificate of Competency application is not time limited, is not being offered through a grandparenting process, and can be obtained at any time once the training requirement is met.**

Gambling educational opportunities are becoming more and more available from many different sources. Please check the PCB web site under “Education” for those trainings that are PCB approved (both site trainings and home study).

Directions for Certificate of Competency in Problem Gambling

1. Attach all required documentation to support required education.
2. Non-refundable fee of \$100 may be paid by check or money order (payable to PCB) or with VISA or MasterCard.
3. When application is approved, applicant will be issued a certificate.
4. If there are problems with the application, applicant will be notified by mail or email according to their choice.

Application Checklist

The following should be included in the application:

- ____ 1. Application page
- ____ 2. Documentation of education
- ____ 5. Non-Refundable fee of \$100.00

Any questions, problems, or concerns can be addressed by contacting the PCB Office.

Keep a photocopy of the entire application. Send original application, proof of education, and fee to:

PCB
298 S. Progress Avenue
Harrisburg, PA 17109
Phone: (717) 540-4455 Fax: (717) 540-4458
Website: pacertboard.org Email: info@pacertboard.org

Information for Certificate of Competency in Problem Gambling

Pennsylvania Certification Board's process for obtaining a Certificate of Competency in Problem Gambling requires meeting minimum standards in training and holding an active PCB credential in good standing in one of the following: CAC, CAC Diplomate, CCJP, CCDP, CCDP Diplomate or CCS.

Education

- 30 hours of PCB approved gambling specific education as defined in the Gambling Knowledge Areas.
- Education applicant provides to others may also be used (verify with letter from sponsoring agency/school)
- Education may have been already submitted for other applications.
- Please note that PCB does not retain copies of previous education submitted, so proof of gambling education must be submitted with this application.

Fees

Application Fee	\$100.00	Recertification Fee	\$50.00
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Certification Time Period

The Certificate of Competency in Problem Gambling expiration date will match the expiration date of the qualifying credential mentioned above. Two dates, date of issue and valid through, will appear on the certificate along with a certification number. Recertification of the Certificate of Competency in Problem Gambling will occur at the same time as the qualifying credential.

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 sent to the board in writing within 30 days of the notification of the board's action. A person shall be considered notified 3 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 2 years.

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

1. hold a current and valid credential issued by PCB;
2. submit the appropriate number of PCB approved hours of education for their qualifying credential and include 6 hours of PCB approved gambling specific education. (PCB approved education is listed on pacertboard.org);
3. Pay \$50 Recertification Fee

Lapsed Certificate

The Certificate of Competency in Problem Gambling will lapse if the qualifying credential is not renewed by the expiration date. If the application is incomplete, applicant will be notified by mail or email, according to applicant's preference.

There is no grace period, so if the recertification is not completed by the expiration date, the individual will no longer hold a valid credential and no further use of the credential or certificate of competency is permitted until the individual has recertified.

All certified professionals should review the recertification application well in advance of the expiration date. There is no grace period, so recertification application must be completed by the expiration date. A Reinstatement Fee is due if the recertification is late between 1 day and 12 months. After 12 months, no recertification is possible and applicant would have to reapply for the credential, meeting all current requirements.

Gambling 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.

