



# Recertification Application

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## AUDITING

Recertification through PCB is an auditing process whereby only those individuals randomly selected will be required to submit documentation of the required recertification training/education hours. PCB will randomly audit 25% of those currently certified in each credential to verify completion of continuing education/training. Certified professionals chosen to be audited will be asked to submit documentation of continuing education/training completed in the appropriate accrual period. The documents must be submitted within 30 days of the date the written request is mailed to the certified professional.

Audits will occur twice per year (every January and July). Those selected for audit must submit documentation of the appropriate number of hours of education/training that they completed in the prior two-year period. Since the audit process is random, individuals may be selected for audit multiple times.

Non-compliance with the required education/training for recertification is viewed as a breach of professional ethics. All those selected for audits who have not received the required education/training within the necessary timeframe will experience the following actions:

1. PCB credential will be immediately suspended the day following the 30-day deadline for submitting documentation of recertification of their credential;
2. The issue of non-compliance directly violates PCB Code of Rule 5.3 under "Professional Standards";
3. Completing all of the requirements for recertification of credentials is a condition of certification. The credential will remain suspended until such time as the certified professional addresses the ethics violation to the satisfaction of the PCB Ethics Committee and seeks reinstatement of said credential. Suspensions for non-compliance with the audited recertification process are a matter of public record and will remain on the candidates' certification history and, as a result, can be accessed by the general public from the PCB website.

Reinstatement includes: the audited candidate submitting the required education/training; the recertification fee; and the reinstatement fee.

***DO NOT SEND IN COPIES OF YOUR CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION FOR TRAININGS WITH YOUR RECERTIFICATION APPLICATION. These will not be reviewed at the time of your recertification.***

***PCB APPROVAL IS REQUIRED FOR ALL EDUCATION FOR RECERTIFICATION, INCLUDING COLLEGE COURSES. If you are not sure if a course or training has been previously approved, you may email [info@pacertboard.org](mailto:info@pacertboard.org).***

***ONLY PAGES 6-8 NEED TO BE SUBMITTED TO PCB. Please keep all other pages on file for your reference.***

**TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION, CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:**

**Mail:**

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**Email:**

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**Fax:**

717-540-4458

***Please allow 5-10 business days for review and processing of your recertification application.***

To confirm receipt of your application, or check on the status you must email [info@pacertboard.org](mailto:info@pacertboard.org).

## REQUIREMENTS AND FEES

**ALL CREDENTIALS REQUIRE:** *PCB approval for all education and education in professional ethics and responsibilities as part of the total hours.* Acceptable trainings that would meet this requirement include but are not limited to: ethics related to human services, HIPPA, confidentiality, boundaries, mental health law and mandated child abuse reporting.

**FOR PROFESSIONALS HOLDING MULTIPLE PCB CERTIFICATIONS:** If you have more than one credential, you pay the fee below for your original credential plus \$50 each for all other credentials you are recertifying. If your additional credentials do not have the same expiration date as your primary credential, you will submit a second recertification application at the time they expire with the \$50 per credential recertification fee.

COUNSELOR		
Name	Fee	Education Requirement
AAC	\$100	40 hours relevant to addiction including 3 hours in ethics
CAAC	\$200	40 hours relevant to addiction including 3 hours in ethics
CADC (formerly CAC)	\$200	40 hours relevant to addiction including 3 hours in ethics
CAADC (formerly CAC Diplomate)	\$200	40 hours relevant to addiction including 3 hours in ethics
CCJP	\$200	40 hours relevant to addiction including 3 hours in ethics
CCDP	\$200	40 hours relevant to co-occurring disorders including 3 hours in ethics
CCDP Diplomate	\$200	40 hours relevant to co-occurring disorders including 3 hours in ethics
CCS	\$200	6 hours relevant to clinical supervision

RECOVERY & PEER SUPPORT CREDENTIALS		
Name	Fee	Education Requirement
CRS	\$100	30 hours relevant to the domains: Recovery Management, and Education/Advocacy, including 6 hours in ethics and 3 hours in confidentiality.
CFRS	\$100	30 hours relevant to the domains including 6 hours in ethics and 3 hours in confidentiality.
CPS (Certified Peer Specialist)	\$50	36 hours relevant to the domains, of which 24 must be specific to peer support and/or recovery practices; 3 hours in ethics; the remaining 9 hours are chosen by the professional.

PREVENTION		
Name	Fee	Education Requirement
APS	\$100	40 hours, including 20 specific to prevention and 3 hours in ethics
CPS (Certified Prevention Specialist)	\$200	40 hours, including 20 specific to prevention and 3 hours in ethics

ADDITIONAL CREDENTIALS		
Name	Fee	Education Requirement
CAAP	\$125	25 hours relevant to addiction including 3 hours in ethics
CIP	\$200	30 hours relevant to the domains including 3 hours in ethics
CCSM/CCMS	\$200	40 hours relevant to addiction including 3 hours in ethics
Certificate of Competency in Problem Gambling	\$50	6 hours specific to gambling. Must be recertified at the same time as your qualifying credential.
CDCORP	\$75	2 deployments or exercises documented and five trainings. <i>*Please list all deployments, exercises and trainings on the Education &amp; Training Form.</i>

## RELEASE

*This Release is for information purposes only. You do not need to have the application notarized. You will be asked to check a box acknowledging that you read and understood this section on page 8. DO NOT submit a copy of this with your application.*

I hereby request that the Pennsylvania Certification Board grant the credential to me based on the following assurances and documentation:

I subscribe to and commit myself to professional conduct in keeping with the PCB Code of Ethical Conduct;

I hereby certify that the information given herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I also authorize any necessary investigation and the release of information relative to my certification. Falsification of any records or documents in my application will nullify this application and will result in denial or revocation of certification;

I consent to the release of information contained in my application and any other pertinent data submitted to or collected by PCB to officers, members, and staff of the aforementioned Board;

I consent to authorize PCB to gather information from third parties regarding continuing education and employment and understand that such communication shall be treated as confidential;

Allegations of ethical misconduct reported to PCB before, during, or after application for certification is made will be investigated by PCB and could result in the nullification of the application or denial or revocation of certification.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Recertification record keeping is the responsibility of the certified professional. All recertification documents and application forms should be submitted together. Keep copies of everything submitted.
2. Education for recertification must have been acquired no earlier than two years prior to the applicant's current expiration date.
3. Recertification is considered late if you are mailing it and it is postmarked after your expiration date. Recertification is considered late if you are submitting it electronically and it is after your expiration date. If recertification is not completed prior to the expiration date, it is considered expired.
4. Education not properly verified is not accepted. Proper verification (i.e. certificate, letter of attendance, transcript) must include date of training, number of hours attended, title of training, sponsoring organization, and your name.
5. Education is defined as formal, structured instruction in the form of workshops, seminars, institutes, in-services, and college/university credit courses and distance learning/online courses.

## EDUCATION INFORMATION

1. Education that has not been previously PCB Approved must be submitted using the Education Approval Form found on our website at [www.pacertboard.org](http://www.pacertboard.org).
2. College/University course: Three college credits are equivalent to 45 hours.
3. Trainings, workshops, seminars, and conferences offered by professional associations, treatment providers, governmental agencies, etc.
4. PCB does not accept general staff meetings, supervision, staff rounds, or case management as education.
5. Distance learning/online courses are acceptable. There is no limit to the number of distance learning/online courses that can be used.
6. PCB accepts education received outside of Pennsylvania under the following conditions:
  - a. Appropriate documentation (certificate, letter of attendance, transcript) is provided.
  - b. If an out-of-state educational event was approved by an IC&RC member board of that state, no further PCB approval is necessary. Proof of the IC&RC member board approval must be submitted. If these conditions were not met, the certified professional must seek PCB education approval of the training.

## EDUCATION PROVIDED BY THE CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL

A certified professional who provides education to others may receive credit toward their own recertification.

1. The presenter will receive the same number of hours as the participant; and the presentation can be used for credit once in each recertification period, provided the training has received PCB Education Approval. Training provided by a certified professional must also be documented by sponsoring organization/college in the same manner as participant documentation (i.e. certificate, letter of participation).
2. Published work written by the certified professional and published by a professional publishing house may meet up to 10 hours of education. A copy of the published work must be submitted along with an education approval application.

## EXPIRATION DATE CHANGE

If you hold multiple PCB credentials, you can request to change the expiration date(s) and recertify your credentials at the same time. Recertification is made easier, as you are able to use the same education (if applicable) for all your credentials. This is optional. A written request along with the fee of \$25 per credential must be submitted with the recertification application of your primary certification.

## LAPSED CREDENTIAL

A credential is valid for a two-year period. If your credential lapses, you have 12 months from your expiration date to recertify. After 12 months, you must reapply for your credential(s) and complete all the requirements for initial certification.

**To renew a lapsed credential:** complete the recertification application with the appropriate requirements and fee(s), plus the reinstatement fee of \$100.

## INACTIVE STATUS

PCB has established an Inactive Status to allow certified professionals, who are experiencing extenuating circumstances, a means to prevent their certification from expiring. Inactive status is for certified professionals who expect to be inactive for a minimum of six months. ***Insufficient hours of continuing education will not be accepted as rationale for requesting Inactive Status.***

For more information on Inactive Status, visit [www.pacertboard.org/certification](http://www.pacertboard.org/certification) and click on Emeritus and Inactive Status on the left side of the page.

## EMERITUS STATUS

PCB has established an Emeritus Status to accommodate certified professionals who are retired from the work force, but wish to maintain a connection to PCB. Approval of Emeritus Status is at the discretion of PCB. Applicants will be notified by PCB of the approval or denial of emeritus status via email approximately 7-10 business days after the request is received.

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## NAME CHANGES

If, at any time, a professional needs to change their name documentation must be mailed or faxed to the PCB Office. Acceptable documentation includes copies of marriage license, divorce decrees, etc. Names on certificates cannot be changed until documentation is provided. Professionals can submit the request for a name change at any time.

## INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATES

International certificates are no longer issued automatically and free of charge to reciprocal level credentialed professionals. Instead, PCB will add a seal to your certificate indicating the International status of your certification. Original International Certificates are available for a nominal fee directly from IC&RC. The International Certificate provides recognition of your status as an internationally certified addiction professional. International Certification for counselors is required by the Federal Department of Transportation (DOT) for recognition as a Substance Abuse Professional (SAP).

## RECERTIFICATION APPLICATION

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

### PCB CERTIFICATION(S) I AM RECERTIFYING (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):

**Counselor:**  AAC  CAAC  CADC  CAADC  CCJP  CCDP  CCDPD  CCS

**Recovery & Peer Support:**  CRS  CFRS  CPS (Peer)

**Prevention:**  APS  CPS

**Additional/Other:**  CCSM  CCMS  CAAP  CIP  CDCORP  Gambling Endorsement

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

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

*Please print your name as it should appear on your certificate. Other credentials and degrees will not be printed with your name on your certificate.*

Check here if this is a change of address.

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

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

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION *Note: you do not need to be employed to recertify.*

Check here if this is a change of employer.

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

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

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

1. Have you ever received any disciplinary action from another certification or licensing authority?  
If yes, provide full details on a separate sheet.  Yes  No
2. Have you read and understood the PCB Code of Ethical Conduct?  Yes  No  
*The Code of Ethical Conduct is located at [www.pacertboard.org](http://www.pacertboard.org), and click on Ethics.*
3. Have you read and understood the Release?  Yes  No  
*Located on page 4 of this application.*
4. Have you read and understood the Auditing process (page 2)?  Yes  No

**What is your highest level of education completed?\***  High school diploma/GED  Associate's degree

Bachelor's degree  Master's degree  Doctoral degree

*\*If this has changed since you have originally applied to PCB and you would like your file updated, you must supply official transcripts to PCB.*

**Race (check all that apply):**  American Indian or Alaska Native  Black or African American  Asian

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander  Latino  Hispanic  Caucasian

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**What best describes your employment plans for the next 12 months (select one)?**  Increase hours  
 Decrease hours  Retire  No change  Seek career advancement  Move to a different career  
 Unknown

Fee checklist: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Recertification fee (primary credential)  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$50/additional credentials (if applicable)  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$10 or \$20 Education approval fees (if applicable)  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$25/Expiration date change fee (if applicable)  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 Reinstatement fee (if credential has lapsed)  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Total**

**Payment (circle one):** Check Money Order VISA MasterCard Discover  
*Checks & Money Orders made payable to PCB*

Number: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

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

Billing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(If different than Home Address)* \_\_\_\_\_

Email address for receipt *(if paying by credit card only)*: \_\_\_\_\_

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## EDUCATION & TRAINING

Candidates for recertification must complete the following list of all trainings attended in the two-year recertification period. Recertification applications will not be approved without completion of the list. Photocopy this page if more room is needed.

Title of Training	Date of Training	Hours	Provider of Training

I have attended all trainings listed above and will provide certificates of attendance if audited.

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Applicant Signature