



FAQ – CHANGES TO ICC RECERTIFICATION PROGRAM

General Program Information

- Why is ICC making these changes?
 - To strengthen the credibility of the ICC Certification program: most entities that require or prefer ICC certification expect certified individuals will obtain credible and quality continuing education with a certain level of oversight. The current plan in place does not guarantee this outcome; the changes will address quality expectations and create a more robust recertification program.
 - To fill the gaps in ICC training: ICC will partner with quality training providers offering material outside ICC's core areas, thus expanding the quantity and diversity of training offerings.
 - To reflect implementation of cdpACCESS: participation will now be an additional option for accrual of continuing education units [CEUs].
- When do these changes start?
 - Recertification program changes will take place gradually, with a phased-in transition from the current to the new program. See the table below for detailed information.
 - April 1, 2014
 - Implementation of initial revisions to options for accruing CEUs
 - No changes to numbers of CEUs required
 - January 1, 2015
 - 20% of CEUs to come from ICC and/or ICC Preferred Provider Network (PPN)
 - Program to be evaluated for adjustments and improvements
 - January 1, 2016
 - 40% of CEUs to come from ICC and/or PPN
 - July 1, 2016
 - 50% of CEUs to come from ICC and/or PPN – full implementation of program changes
- Who approved these changes?
 - The ICC Board of Directors, with input from a number of stakeholders, discussed and agreed to these program revisions. These changes support the ongoing initiative of raising the profile of the code official.
- Does any other group have this type of requirement?
 - Yes. The American Institute of Architects [AIA] requires that their architect members obtain 100% of the life safety and welfare CEUs through the AIA Approved Providers. Other associations, such as ASHRAE, IAPMO, and NFPA, offer certificants multiple means to renew through taking courses provided by the association.

ICC Training and the Preferred Provider Network [PPN]

- What is the Preferred Provider Network [PPN]?
 - The Preferred Provider Network is a group of individuals and companies that are approved by ICC to provide quality code related training.
 - ICC will offer increased flexibility by offering an increased number of open enrollment seminars, more advanced courses, and more online webinars. ICC will also be expanding the available choices by adding the PPN, which means more sources for training and a greater variety of subject matter.

Continuing Education Units [CEUs]

- Are you changing the number of CEUs I have to accrue in order to renew?
 - No, for the majority of ICC certification holders.
 - If you're one of the nearly 80% of individuals holding 1 or 2 certifications, you will see no change in the CEUs required. If you hold from 6-10 certifications, you'll also see no change in the required number of CEUs.
 - Yes, for some categories.
 - If you hold 3-5 certifications, you'll see a slightly decreased number of CEUs required.
 - If you hold 11 or more certifications, you'll see a slightly increased number of CEUs required.
- Are there any new options for me to accrue CEUs?
 - Yes; participation in cdpACCESS has been added as an option, as well as participation in courses offered by Preferred Providers. See the table below for more details.
- Will I lose any CEUs I've accrued so far?
 - No. The CEUs you've already obtained are valid for three years from accrual. In other words, you can apply CEUs earned during the three years prior to your renewal date to your recertification application.
- Will I still get a notice before my certifications expire?
 - Yes. Separate notices are sent to the address on record for each renewal date. If you have multiple certifications that renew on different dates, you will receive a renewal notice for each date.
- I renew on August 3, 2015. Do I have to comply with the old or new rules?
 - You must comply with the CEUs required at that point – 20% of your CEUs must come from ICC and/or the PPN.
- I have seven certifications. After July 1, 2016, how many CEUs have to come from ICC and/or the PPN?

- For seven certifications, 4.5 CEUs will be needed, and 2.3 must come from ICC and/or the PPN.
- I have three certifications that renew at different times. How many CEUs do I have to have if I renew them all on June 30, 2016?
 - For three certifications renewing on the same date, you will need 3.0 CEUs, with 1.2 (40%) coming from ICC and/or the PPN. Please note that just like the current renewal system, if you choose to have a single renewal date, you may forfeit some of the three-year validity for one or more of your certifications.
- What if I have six certifications and renew them at different times? How many CEUs do I have to have?
 - If you choose to renew your certifications at different times, each renewal date is treated as a separate application. For instance, if you have six certifications and renew two certifications on March 3, 2015, and four certifications on July 3, 2015, you must have 3.0 CEUs for the March 3 date and 3.0 different CEUs for the July 3 date.
- I'm an ICC-certified Special Inspector. Are there changes that apply to me?
 - Yes. ICC's Special Inspector certifications will now be treated the same as all other certification categories. You'll also be happy to see additional training opportunities through ICC's PPN. The PPN will enhance your certification with added content and availability.
- I have certifications as a Commercial Building Inspector, Building Plans Examiner, and Prestressed Concrete Special Inspector. If I renew all three certifications on February 13, 2016, how many CEUs do I need?
 - Each standard certification (non-combination) requires 1.5 CEUs, so you will need a total of 4.5 CEUs to renew all three certifications (renewed on the same date).
- I've been with ICC a very long time and hold 23 certifications. How many CEUs do I need if I renew all 23 on July 3, 2016?
 - Eleven (11) or more certifications will require 6.0 CEUs; that is the maximum number of CEUs anyone would be required to accrue.