

CIC® Recertification Overview

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What Certification Means to Me





Your Turn: What does Certification Mean to You?

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What is CBIC?

Certification Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc.
Voluntary, autonomous, multidisciplinary board

Mission: Provide pathways to demonstrate and maintain competence in infection prevention and control.

Vision: A world free of infections through demonstrated professional competency.



CBIC Certifications

- Certification in Infection Control (CIC®)
- Certification in Infection Control Recertification



CBIC Certifications

- Associate-Infection Prevention and Control (a-IPC™)
- Long Term Care Certification in Infection Prevention (LTC-CIP®)



CBIC Certifications

- **New!** Coming Soon: Advanced Leadership Certification in Infection Prevention and Control



Recertification




**Your Turn:
Why are you
recertifying?**

CIC® Recertification Overview

CIC® certification is valid for five years from the year of successful examination

Recertification takes place every five years


Recertification can be completed via infection prevention units (IPUs) or examination.



CIC® Recertification Overview

Effective January 1, 2026, the open-book unproctored recertification examination will no longer be offered.

Recertification will be obtainable through infection prevention units (IPUs) or by retaking the initial CIC® proctored examination.





Recertification by IPUs

What is an IPU?

IPU = Infection Prevention Unit (IPU) = continuing education credits

Can be achieved through the following categories:

- Online, print, or live format education
- Local, national or international conferences and workshops
- Academic education
- Publications
- Presentations
- Participation in professional organization
- Teaching
- Research



*m ust be infection prevention related

Recertification by IPU's

- Candidates must submit an IPU portfolio demonstrating completion of a minimum of 40 IPU's
- IPU's must be provided by a credible organization and at least 20/40 infection prevention units must be sponsored through an accredited organization or state licensing board.
- Candidates can accumulate IPU's any time after their previous recertification submission date throughout their five-year recertification period
- Candidates may access IPU portfolio once certified and must submit it by October 31st of their expiration year.



New! Recertification by IPU's

- To promote continuous learning, effective 2028, candidates must demonstrate that a portion of their IPU's have been attained in different years of the 5-year recertification cycle.
- Effective 2028, for multi-session Infection Control Courses that offer continuous education units, an IPU may be awarded for each educational session of 1 hour or more, to a **maximum of 30 IPU's for the course.**
- The CBIC Board *recommends* candidates earn at least two IPU's from DEI and Health Equity within healthcare as a part of the minimum required 40 IPU's. DEI and Health Equity should be self-evident in the title or learning objectives.



Recertification by IPU

- \$410 fee required with portfolio submission.
- Once submitted, average review time is three weeks.
- Two resubmissions are permitted.

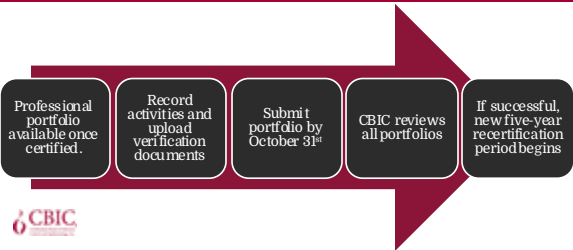


IPU Portfolio

Category	Units Completed	CEUs Earned	Title	Domain	Status
Academic education	4/1/2022	10.00	WPH	Management and Communications, Preventing/Containing the Transmission of Infectious Agents, Surveillance and Epidemiologic Investigation	✓
Education module (online, paper or live format)	2/1/2022	1.00	Infection Prevention and Control Essentials for Ambulatory Care	Preventing/Containing the Transmission of Infectious Agents	✓
Education module (online, paper or live format)	2/1/2022	4.00	sample	Cleaning, Sanitization, Disinfection, Antisepsis	✓
National conference	4/1/2022	10.00	APC Week	Cleaning, Sanitization, Disinfection, Antisepsis, Education and Research, Employment/Educational Health, Environment of Care, Identification of Infectious Disease Processes	✓



Recertification by IPU Timeline



Missed deadlines/unsuccessful portfolio



If you do not submit your portfolio by the deadline of October 31, you must take the online recertification exam.



The recertification exam must be purchased by November 30 and completed by December 31



Recertification by IPU: Helpful Hints

- Submit your IPUs as you earn them!
- Don't wait until October 31st to submit your portfolio
- Reach out to staff with questions
- Once your credits have been approved, you will receive a new 5-year certification and can begin submitting IPUs for your next portfolio, due in five years.



CIC® Domains (6/8 required)


1. Identification of Infectious Disease Processes
2. Surveillance and Epidemiologic Investigation
3. Preventing/Controlling the Transmission of Infectious Agents
4. Employee/Occupational Health
5. Management and Communication
6. Education and Research
7. Environment of Care
8. Cleaning, Sterilization, Disinfection, Asepsis



LTC-CIP® Domains (7/9 required)

1. Long-Term Care Settings
2. Management and Communication of the Infection Prevention Program
3. Identification of Infectious Diseases
4. Surveillance and Epidemiology
5. Prevention and Control of Infectious and Communicable Diseases
6. Environment of Care
7. Cleaning, Disinfection, Sterilization of Medical Devices and Equipment
8. Antimicrobial Stewardship
9. Employee/Occupational Health





Certified as a CIC® and LTC-CIP? Credits can be used in both portfolios if the IPU's are earned within your 5-year certification cycle.

IPUs and Chapter Activities

Does my Chapter activity count towards IPUs?

- Subject matter related to infection prevention and control, and falls within at least one of the eight domains
- Able to verify chapter member attendance or participation by providing required documentation



YES!



Examples of IPU Activities*

- Attendance at national conferences (APIC/IPAC Canada)
- Online, paper or live format education
 - Webinars
 - Online educational modules
- Participation in a professional organization
 - Elected position on an APIC or IPAC Canada Chapter Board (Treasurer, Secretary, President, President-Elect)



*All activities must be provided by or presented through a credible accredited organization

Potential Accredited Providers



...and many more!



Example verification form

Official organization letterhead



The Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc. (APIC) certifies that:

Spring 2020/2021

has been awarded 15.07 CNE/contact hours and 12.00 additional IPU credits for participating in the educational event.

Accreditation Information

10 IPU credits have been awarded for attending the live event, APIC's 2021 Virtual Annual Conference June 18-20, 2021

Date Completed: Tuesday, July 6, 2021



This educational program has been approved for attendees to earn up to 90 CNE/contact hours and 10 IPU. Attendees will earn up to 30 additional IPU's for the eligible on-demand sessions...

CEU – IPU Conversion Chart

Applicable Activities:	Duration of participation in instruction	CEUs	CMEs	CNEs	IPUs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online, paper, or live format education Attendance at national conference IP-related sessions Teaching 	60 minutes of instruction or 1 "contact hour"	0.1	1	1	1



IPUs Resources

- ▶▶▶ IPU's FAQ page: <https://www.cbic.org/CBIC/Certification-FAQs/Recertification.htm#RecertificationIPU>
- ▶▶▶ IPU's downloadable Criteria Chart: <https://www.cbic.org/CBIC/2023-Files/2021-IPUs-Criteria-Chart--V7.pdf>
- ▶▶▶ IPU's Portfolio Manual: <https://www.cbic.org/CBIC/PDFs/2023-Recertification-by-Continuing-Education-for-CBIC-Examinations.pdf>
- ▶▶▶ Sample IPU Portfolio: <https://www.cbic.org/CBIC/IPU-Portfolio-Guide---final.pdf>





**Recertification
by Examination**

CIC® Recertification Examination

Staff approves your application and sends your details to Prometric – you will receive an approval email within 5-7 business days.

The exam must be purchased on or before **November 30, 2024**

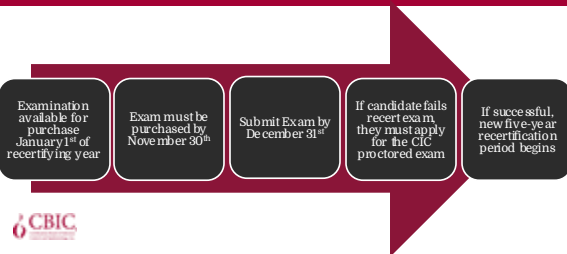


Exam must be completed by **December 31, 2024 at 11:59 pm Greenwich Mean Time / 6:59 pm EST**

CIC® Recertification Examination

- Results available immediately after submitting the examination
- A candidate that does not pass the recertification examination must take and pass the initial CIC® examination to maintain certification – recertification by IPUs is not an option after an unsuccessful attempt on the recertification examination

Recertification by Examination Timeline



Recertification Examination: Helpful Hints

- Apply now!
- Do not wait until December 31 to begin taking your exam
- DO NOT ACCESS the examination in Internet Explorer or in a remote workplace access
- Review the CBIC website for technical requirements: <https://www.cbic.org/CBIC/Recertification.htm>



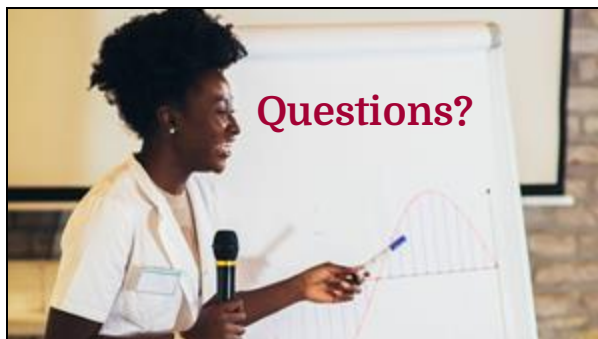
CBIC Resources

- Exam Prep Materials: <https://www.cbic.org/CBIC/Exam-Prep-Resources.htm>
- CBIC Webinars: <https://www.cbic.org/CBIC/News-and-Media.htm>
- Study Groups: Check with local APIC/IPAC Canada Chapters



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