



# DELAWARE CERTIFICATION BOARD

## RECERTIFICATION APPLICATION

### For All Credentials

#### RECERTIFICATION DIRECTIONS – READ DIRECTIONS CAREFULLY

*Prior to submitting your recertification application to DCB, please review the following list to be sure you have included all the necessary documentation.*

***Recertification application can be submitted no sooner than three (3) months prior to the credential's expiration date.***

- Completed application page - page 5-6
- Completed education and training page - page 7 - **Do not send copies of your certificates.**
- Recertification fee and any other applicable fees – page 8

If there are any problems with the application, you will be notified by email. Keep a photocopy of the entire application for your records.

To check the status of your recertification application, you can use the Credential Search on the homepage of our website: [www.decertboard.org](http://www.decertboard.org). Simply enter your last name and click “Apply”.

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

- **Mail:** DCB, 298 S. Progress Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17109
- **Email:** [info@decertboard.org](mailto:info@decertboard.org) *NOTE: Only PDFs are acceptable. DCB does not accept photos of applications.*
- **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@decertboard.org](mailto:info@decertboard.org).

#### RECERTIFICATION INFORMATION FOR ALL CREDENTIALS

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 must be 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 lapsed.
4. 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.

## AUDITING

Documentation of continuing education is only required for recertification if a certified professional is randomly selected for review, or audit of their education hours. Audits occur twice per year (every January and July).

Those selected for audit will be notified and 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.

***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 AND WILL BE DISCARDED. YOU WILL ONLY SEND COPIES OF TRAINING CERTIFICATES IF YOU ARE RANDOMLY SELECTED FOR A RECERTIFICATION AUDIT.***

## EDUCATION INFORMATION

You can use the same education for **multiple credentials** under the following conditions: they are in the correct two-year time frame (example if your credential was issued on 1/1/2021 and expires on 1/1/2023, you can use education after 1/1/2021) and it is relevant to the education requirements.

**College/university course** may be used. A three-college credit college course equals 45 hours.

Trainings, workshops, seminars, and conferences offered by professional associations, treatment providers, governmental agencies may be used.

**DCB does not accept** general staff meetings, supervision, staff rounds, or case management as education.

**Distance learning/online courses/webinars are acceptable.** There is no limit to the number of distance learning/online courses that can be used.

**Acceptable documentation** of education must include the professional's name, title, date, number of hours and the organization. Training registration forms and/or training sign-in sheets are not acceptable forms of documentation.

**Training must be non-repetitive** meaning the same training cannot be claimed more than one time even if the training is taken on different dates from different providers.

Official employer training tracking system/learning management system reports may be acceptable forms of documentation for education/training provided that the report contains the name of the employee/applicant, titles of each training, dates of each training, the number of hours of each training, and is signed by the applicant's supervisor.

**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.

A **certified professional who provides education** to other professionals may receive hours toward their own recertification. 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 DCB education approval. Training provided by a certified professional must also be documented by sponsoring organization in the same manner as participant documentation (i.e., certificate, letter of participation).

## 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 lapsed fee of \$50.

## FOR PROFESSIONALS HOLDING MULTIPLE DCB CERTIFICATIONS

If you have more than one credential, you pay the recertification fee 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.

## NAME CHANGES

Name changes can be made at any time. Official, legal documentation of the name change is required. A copy of the legal documentation must be mailed, emailed, or faxed to DCB. Acceptable documentation includes copies of marriage license, divorce decrees, etc. Names on certificates cannot be changed until documentation is provided. Once documentation of a name change has been submitted to DCB, a new certificate will be sent to the certified professional.

## EXPIRATION DATE CHANGE

If you hold multiple DCB 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.

## INACTIVE & EMERITUS STATUS

**Inactive Status:** For certified professionals, who are experiencing extenuating circumstances, a means to put their certification on hold and avoid paying lapsed fees, retesting (if applicable) and the reapplication process. 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.***

**Emeritus Status:** For certified professionals who are retired from the work force but wish to maintain a connection to DCB.

Approval of each status is at the discretion of DCB. Applicants will be notified by DCB of the approval or denial via email approximately 7-10 business days after the request is received. For more information, visit [www.decertboard.org](http://www.decertboard.org) and click on Recertification. More information is on the left side of the page.

## RELEASE

I hereby request that the Delaware 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 DCB 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 DCB to officers, members, and staff of the aforementioned Board;

I consent to authorize DCB 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 DCB before, during, or after application for certification is made will be investigated by DCB and could result in the nullification of the application or denial or revocation of certification.

# RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS & FEES

## ALL CREDENTIALS REQUIRE

1. DCB approval for all education
2. Education that has not been previously DCB Approved must be submitted using the Education Approval Form found on our website at [www.decertboard.org](http://www.decertboard.org).
3. DCB accepts education received outside of Delaware under the following conditions:
  - a. Appropriate documentation (certificate, letter of attendance, transcript) is provided.
  - b. If an out-of-state education was approved by an IC&RC member board of that state, no further DCB 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 DCB education approval.
4. Three (3) hours in professional ethics and responsibilities as part of the total education hours. EXCEPT for the CPRS which requires six (6) hours in ethics. Acceptable trainings that would meet this requirement include but are not limited to: ethics related to human services, HIPAA, confidentiality, boundaries, mental health law and mandated child abuse reporting.
5. Effective May 1, 2023 the recertification fee for the CPRS and CSPS credentials is waived. Funding for this project has been provided by the Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health through funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

COUNSELOR		
Name	Fee	Education Requirement
CADC	\$150	40 hours relevant to substance use including 3 hours in ethics
CAAC	\$150	40 hours relevant to substance use including 3 hours in ethics
CAADC	\$150	40 hours relevant to substance use including 3 hours in ethics
CCDP & CCDPD	\$150	40 hours relevant to co-occurring disorders including 3 hours in ethics.

CLINICAL SUPERVISOR		
Name	Fee	Education Requirement
CCS	\$150	6 hours relevant to clinical supervision

PREVENTION		
Name	Fee	Education Requirement
CPS	\$150	40 hours relevant to prevention including 3 hours in ethics

PEER SUPPORT		
Name	Fee	Education Requirement
CPRS	Waived	20 hours relevant to peer recovery including 6 hours in ethics
CSPS	Waived	12-hour State of Delaware standardized peer supervisor training- if not previously taken OR 12 hours relevant to peer recovery.
CFSP	\$50	30 hours relevant to family peer support.

# RECERTIFICATION APPLICATION: FOR ALL CREDENTIALS

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

## TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY

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

**Counselor/Clinical Supervisor:**  CAAC  CADC  CAADC  CCDP  CCDPD  CCS

**Peer Recovery Support/Supervisor:**  CPRS  CSPA  CFSP

**Prevention:**  CPS

**Today's Date** (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Print your name as it should appear on your certificate. Credentials and degrees will not be printed.*

**Pronouns:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth** (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_ **SSN (last four):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you ever received any disciplinary action from another certification/licensing authority?**  Yes  No  
*If yes, provide full details on a separate sheet.*

**Have you read and understood the DCB Code of Ethical Conduct?**  Yes  No  
*The Code of Ethical Conduct is located at [www.decertboard.org/ethics](http://www.decertboard.org/ethics).*

**Have you read and understood the Release?** (page 3)  Yes  No

**Have you read and understood the Auditing process?** (page 2)  Yes  No

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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

**Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUIRED: PRINT LEGIBLY: EMAIL IS OUR PRIMARY WAY OF COMMUNICATING WITH YOU.**

**Secondary Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Employer City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

### DEMOGRAPHICS *Data is never released with identifying information. It is used to report workforce data to state and federal agencies.*

#### What is your gender?

- Female
- Male
- Nonbinary
- Prefer to self-describe: \_\_\_\_\_
- Prefer not to disclose

#### Do you identify as transgender?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to disclose

**How do you describe your sexual orientation or sexual identity?**

- Heterosexual or straight
- Gay or lesbian
- Bisexual
- Queer
- Questioning or unsure
- Prefer to self-describe: \_\_\_\_\_
- Prefer not to disclose

**Which best describes you?**

- Asian or Pacific Islander
- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latino
- Native American or Alaska Native
- White or Caucasian
- Multiracial or Biracial (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- Not listed (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- Prefer not to disclose

**What is your yearly income?**  Less than \$20,000

- \$20,000 to \$34,999
- \$35,000 to \$49,999
- \$50,000 to \$74,999
- \$75,000 to \$99,999
- Over \$100,000
- Unsure

**Do you have military experience?**

- Active duty
- Reserve
- National Guard
- Veteran
- Not Applicable

**Language(s) spoken fluently** (check all that apply):

- American Sign Language
- Arabic
- Chinese
- English
- French
- German
- Indigenous Language
- Italian
- Korean
- Polish
- Portuguese
- Russian
- Spanish
- Tagalog (Filipino)
- Vietnamese
- Other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**Employment plans for the next two years** (check all that apply):

- Obtain full time employment/Increase hours
- Obtain part-time employment/Decrease hours
- No change
- Retire
- Move to a different career/field
- Unknown

**What is the highest degree or level of school you have completed?**

*(If you're currently in school, please check the highest degree you have completed.)*

- High school degree or equivalent (e.g. GED)
- Trade, Technical or Vocational School
- Some college, no degree
- Associate degree (e.g. AA, AS)
- Bachelor's degree (e.g. BA, BS)
- Master's degree (e.g. MA, MS, MEd)
- Professional degree (e.g. MD, DDS, DVM)
- Doctorate (e.g. PhD, EdD)

## EDUCATION & TRAINING

Candidates for recertification must list below 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. If the organization or state agency from whom you received your trainings provide transcripts that lists your name, dates of trainings, titles, and number of hours, you may submit that documentation in lieu of this form.

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Hours: \_\_\_\_\_

Provider: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

# RECERTIFICATION PAYMENT INFORMATION

**Payment in full must be made before recertification of a credential will be approved.**

## FEE CHECKLIST

Has your certification(s) lapsed?  Yes  No

*If yes, fill in an additional \$50 lapsed in the space provided below.*

Recertification of primary credential: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*(See Credentials table to the right for fee.)*

Recertification of additional credential: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*(\$50/additional credential if applicable.)*

Lapsed \$50 fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*(If you checked yes to the above question, fill in the fee here.)*

Expiration Date Change: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*(\$25/per credential if applicable.)*

**TOTAL:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

CREDENTIALS	
CPRS	Waived
CSPS	Waived
CFSP	\$50
CAAC, CADC & CAADC	\$150
CCDP & CCDPD	\$150
CCS	\$150
CPS	\$150

**Payment (check one):**  Check  Money Order  VISA  MasterCard  Discover  American Express  
*Checks & Money Orders made payable to DCB*

My employer/organization is mailing payment directly to DCB.

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

Sec. 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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