



IBHRE Certification Policy

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to define the method by which certification candidates may apply for and achieve certification by the International Board of Heart Rhythm Examiners (IBHRE).

Policy

IBHRE will award certification to any qualified candidate who demonstrates knowledge competency in their designated field of specialty by passing a written, psychometrically sound examination developed and approved by an IBHRE Test Writing Committee.

Current certification examinations offered by IBHRE include:

- Certification of Competency in Cardiac Rhythm Device Therapy for the Physician
- Certification of Competency in Cardiac Rhythm Device Therapy for the Allied Professional
- Certification of Competency in Cardiac Electrophysiology for the Allied Professional
- Certification of Competency in Adult Cardiac Electrophysiology for the Physician
- Certification of Competency in Pediatric Cardiac Electrophysiology for the Physician
- Certification of Competency in Cardiac Device Remote Monitoring of the Allied Professional

Upon passing the examination, candidates are awarded certification and the right to utilize the corresponding IBHRE credential within the prescribed certification period. All IBHRE certifications are valid for 10 years for those who earned initial certification up to August 2021. All individuals earning IBHRE certification October 2021 and thereafter are certified for 4 years.

Scope of Certification

IBHRE CERTIFICATION EXAMINATIONS DO NOT ASSESS A CANDIDATE'S PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE OR TECHNICAL PROFICIENCY IN A PRACTICAL SETTING. The scope of each certification examination is determined by a Job Task Analysis, conducted every five years by IBHRE-appointed subject matter experts, that is mapped into an exam blueprint outlining the content of the respective examination. IBHRE certification examinations only measure a candidate's understanding of the subject matter as evidenced by responses to the examination questions which are based upon a content outline for each examination developed by IBHRE.

The scope of IBHRE certification is not intended to represent all practice requirements for licensed physicians and other healthcare professionals who participate in heart rhythm management cases. The certification obtained from successfully completing an IBHRE examination is not intended to, nor does it replace the licensing requirements to which a physician or other healthcare professional is subject. On a

case-by-case basis, IBHRE certification may be required at the discretion of an employing entity to participate in related activities as a healthcare professional or in industry. This certification is not intended to restrict or interfere with a person's ability to participate in such activities. However, IBHRE recognizes the authority of individual employers and hospital credentialing boards in determining their own criteria for employment.

Qualifications for Certification and Recertification Candidacy

To qualify for an IBHRE examination, each candidate must submit a complete application that demonstrates that he or she meets the certification exam eligibility or certified individual recertification requirements (See *IBHRE Certification Examination Eligibility Requirements Policy* for specific details regarding exam eligibility.) All applications must be received with the appropriate exam fees by the appropriate registration deadline in order to be considered. Applicants must also evidence their agreement to comply with both the *IBHRE Code of Ethics* and the *IBHRE Use of Licensed Marks Guidelines* upon submitting their application.

Applicants or certified individuals seeking recertification who do not meet these qualifications or are found to have violated the *IBHRE Code of Ethics* or *Use of License Marks Guidelines* will be denied eligibility to take the exam and will be withdrawn from the certification and recertification processes.

Suspension of Certification

- Certified individuals who do not recertify and allow their certification to lapse will have their certification suspended.
- Certified individuals violating the *IBHRE Code of Ethics* or *Use of License Marks Guidelines* will have their certification suspended. (Refer to IBHRE's *Grievance Policy*.)

Individuals who allow their certification to lapse will be notified by the Executive Director that their credential has been suspended and their certification withdrawn.

Individuals who have been found to be in violation of the *IBHRE Code of Ethics* or *Use of License Marks Guidelines*, will have their certification revoked. An official letter will be sent from the IBHRE President, to the certified individual officially informing them that their certification is no longer valid.

If the certification is suspended or revoked, the individual may not use the credential and will no longer be listed in IBHRE's certification directory or in any other IBHRE communication listing them as being certified.

IBHRE's Manager will update the database to reflect the change in status for IBHRE to have a permanent record of the action.

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