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About CBIC

The Certification Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc. (CBIC) is a voluntary autonomous multidisciplinary board that provides direction for and administers the certification process for professionals in infection control and applied epidemiology. CBIC is independent and separate from any other infection control-related organization or association.

CBIC endorses the concept of voluntary, periodic certification for all infection control professionals meeting educational and practice requirements.

The purpose of the certification process is to protect the public by:

1. Providing standardized measurement of current basic knowledge needed for persons practicing infection control.
2. Encouraging individual growth and study, thereby promoting professionalism among infection control professionals.
3. Formally recognizing infection control professionals who fulfill the requirements for certification.

Certification represents the commitment of an infection prevention and control professional and an institution to the continued improvement of infection prevention and control functions and their contribution to healthcare and patient safety. The mission of CBIC is to protect the public through the development, administration, and promotion of an accredited certification in infection prevention and control.

How to Become Certified

In order to qualify to sit for initial (first-time) certification, or if certification has lapsed and renewal of certification is desired, a candidate must apply to take the proctored initial certification examination. The initial examination is administered via computer-based testing at Prometric testing centers worldwide. Before applying to take the examination, candidates should check to see if they meet the CBIC eligibility requirements. A complete listing of these eligibility requirements, as well as both paper and online examination applications, can be found on the CBIC website at www.cbic.org.

To be complete, an examination application must include proof of a minimum of a two-year degree from an accredited educational institution, a completed CBIC attestation statement form that has been completed, signed and dated by the candidate's supervisor, an updated resume, a signed official job description and the application fee.

Certificants who are in the fifth year of their certification and are due to recertify may apply to take the online recertification examination. The online recertification examination is geared towards the advanced practitioner and is a self-paced examination that examinees access via a secure website administered by Prometric.

CBIC encourages interested candidates to visit the CBIC website for more information. Questions or concerns should be directed to the CBIC executive office at 414.918.9796 or info@cbic.org.