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Introduction

Founded in 1984, the Institute of Hazardous Materials Management (IHMM), is a not-for-profit organization. IHMM has been protecting the environment and the public's health, safety, and security through the creation of credentials recognizing professionals who have demonstrated a high level of knowledge, expertise, and excellence in the management of hazardous materials, dangerous goods transportation, environmental protection, health, and safety.

Means of accomplishing the purpose of IHMM include establishing requirements for the periodic renewal of certification, determining compliance with those requirements, and ascertaining that certificants meet ethical standards in their practice in the field of hazardous materials management, dangerous goods transportation, environment, health, and safety.

The communities of professional practice represented by IHMM's credentials change frequently. For that reason, accreditation standards require that certification in such fields be renewed periodically. To make sure this happens, IHMM requires that certificants be recertified every five [5] years. IHMM certificants must earn a minimum of 200 certification maintenance points (CMPs) during a five [5] year cycle to qualify for recertification. Certificants must also maintain professional standards by continuing to uphold and abide by the IHMM Code of Ethics to be eligible for recertification.

The Recertification Program was developed to ensure that IHMM certificants remain competent in their areas of professional practice and to encourage certificants to continuously enhance their knowledge, skills, and abilities. IHMM has provided certificants with many options that they may utilize to meet recertification requirements.

IHMM is committed to impartiality and objectivity in every aspect of our operation. IHMM fairly implements its policies and procedures among all applicants, candidates, and certified individuals. IHMM's processes and procedures are governed by its Bylaws and Management Systems Manual. We welcome any suggestions regarding how we can improve the recertification process.

A. Philosophy of Recertification

1. Recertification is defined as a process to ensure that certificants maintain continued competence in communities of professional practice represented by IHMM's credentials.
2. Upholding the highest standards of ethical and legal practice is the foundation of certification and a primary component of the recertification program.
3. IHMM certificants are committed to remaining current in their area of work through continuous learning.
4. Remaining actively involved in the communities of professional practice represented by IHMM's credentials is essential to remain certified.
5. Maintaining competence occurs through professional activities, and contributions to the field, and includes, but is not limited to continuing education.
6. Certificants are responsible for conducting ongoing self-assessments of their continued competence in the communities of professional practice represented by IHMM's credentials. The process of self-assessment is a key component in determining how they should proceed to build on their knowledge, skills, and abilities.

B. Recertification Requirements

1. Because advancements in technology and changes in compliance requirements occur frequently, it is required that IHMM certifications be renewed every five years to ensure currency, and expected that the IHMM Recertification Handbook be amended periodically.
2. IHMM shall be the official office of record for recertification status.
 - a. Certification expiration dates shall be printed on all IHMM certificates.
 - b. Certifications not renewed following IHMM policies and procedures shall expire on the expiration date indicated on the certificate.
 - c. Email shall be the primary means of communication between IHMM and IHMM certifiants. It is the certificant's responsibility to maintain up-to-date contact information with IHMM in their MYIHMM accounts.
3. Recertification credit shall be represented and tracked by Certification Maintenance Points (CMPs).
 - a. Each applicant must demonstrate a total of at least 200 CMPs for his/her specific 5-year cycle.
 - b. Each applicant may demonstrate **up to 100 CMPs for Active Practice (employment)**.
 - c. Each applicant must demonstrate **at least 100 CMPs for Professional Development**.
 - d. All CMPs claimed must have been earned **during the current 5-year cycle to count towards recertification**.
4. IHMM shall publish on IHMM's website the current IHMM Recertification Handbook which lists these requirements and the types of activities that qualify for recertification credit.
5. Evidence of a satisfactory combination of continued Active Professional Practice and Professional Development shall be submitted to IHMM according to a schedule published by IHMM (see examples below).
 - a. Recertification expiration dates coincide with the last day of the original month of certification or reinstatement, beginning immediately following the end of the previous 5-year cycle.
 - b. Recertification applications should be completed and submitted no more than one year before and no later than the last day of the recertification cycle.
 - c. It is the certificant's responsibility to fulfill all requirements for recertification, including submission of the recertification application, by no later than the credential expiration date. A certificant may verify his or her credential expiration date by logging into MyIHMM to view the recertification cycle and annual fee dates.
 - d. Per the relevant Certification Agreement signed by the certificant, it is the responsibility of the certificant to ensure that IHMM has a valid email address on file in MyIHMM, as email is the primary means of communication throughout the recertification process. Should you opt out of or block IHMM's email communications or fail to timely update your record with changes in your primary email address, you may not receive critical information concerning recertification, continuing education requirements, status, and related matters. Certificants should ensure that all information is current by periodically logging into MyIHMM and verifying that their information is current.
6. Certificants are required to watch an ethics video and complete a 10-question quiz during their 5-year certification cycle. The quiz and ethics video are located within the IHMM recertification portal.

C. Documentation Requirements

It is the responsibility of the certificant to keep track of Recertification activities and to document CMPs with supporting documentation from **authoritative third parties**. Documentation that amounts to self-representation will not be considered sufficient in the event of an audit. Certificants with any questions about satisfying this standard should contact IHMM for guidance.

1. It is recommended that all certificants create a personal file for all Recertification materials and organize supporting documentation by year.
 - a. It is very important to establish a personal procedure for tracking CMPs and to periodically review and update recertification records.
 - b. Refer to the most recent version of the IHMM Recertification Claims to determine which activities are eligible for CMPs so that you can be sure of having the required number of CMPs for your specific 5-year cycle.
 - c. Be sure that your Recertification activities take place within your specific 5-year cycle.
 - d. Record professional development activities online as you complete them.
 - e. Retain adequate, original documentation supporting your claims for CMPs. If selected for audit, you will be required to submit supporting documentation. IHMM may also request verification for any activity and the CMPs claimed.
 - f. Applicants for recertification must maintain all supporting documentation for five (5) years after submission of their application. IHMM reserves the right to request this documentation to substantiate CMP credit claims at any time during this period, even if the relevant recertification application has already been approved.

D. Recertification Review Process

1. Each application is subject to evaluation and/or audit, following the most current standards, policies, and procedures published by IHMM.
 - a. General
 - 1) Certificants shall submit a completed online recertification form.
 - 2) Certificants may be contacted for clarification or additional information during the review process.
 - 3) Cooperation with the review process is required, or the application may be rejected.
 - 4) IHMM will maintain records of all applications and determinations, following its record retention policies.
 - b. Review Process
 - 1) Applications for recertification should be submitted to IHMM before the certification expiration date.
 - 2) CMP credit shall be granted for all acceptable claims.
 - 3) An application shall be approved if:
 - Annual fees have been paid and are current.
 - The application demonstrates 200 minimum Certification Maintenance Points (CMPs) to meet the standard, based on acceptable claims; and,

- There are no valid reasons to withhold or delay the application for recertification.
 - 4) If there are insufficient points demonstrated, the certificant shall be contacted with an explanation of the deficiencies. The certificant shall have 30 days to respond. Failure to respond may be interpreted as withdrawal from the recertification process, at IHMM's discretion.
 - 5) All final determinations on eligibility for recertification shall be made by IHMM Management Staff.
- c. Audit of Recertification Applications
- 1) Certificants shall be prepared to provide full documentation for any claims made in a recertification application upon submission.
 - 2) Certificants who are selected for audit will be notified after submitting their online recertification application and will be prompted to upload full documentation for all claimed activities at that time.
 - 3) Refer to the IHMM Recertification Claims Appendix for more details on audit documentation requirements.
 - 4) Certificants whose applications are not selected for audit will not be immediately required to submit full documentation but should maintain copies of all supporting documentation for their recertification year cycle. IHMM reserves the right to request documentation from any certificant at any time during the review process and within five (5) years from the date their application is submitted.
 - 5) Submission of a recertification application constitutes an attestation of the truthfulness and accuracy of the information presented, and a pledge of continued compliance with the relevant Code of Ethics.
- d. Any attempt to exert unwarranted influence upon the review process shall be deemed a violation of the IHMM Code of Ethics.
2. **Recertification Application Submission Deadline:** Certificants are required to submit a Recertification Application before their credential expiration date. IHMM will accept applications up to the recertification cycle deadline. If there is no submission at the end of the recertification cycle, the credential shall be decertified, and the former certificant shall be required to undergo the reinstatement process (if eligible) or apply for and take the certification examination anew to regain the lost certification.
- E. **Recertification by Examination:** Certificants may elect to recertify by taking the certification examination instead of submitting a recertification application. Certificants who elect to recertify by exam must take and pass the exam before all regular recertification deadlines.
- a. The individual will be charged the standard examination fees. Fees must be paid in U.S. dollars and are posted on the IHMM website [and are subject to change].
- F. **Recertification Communications:** Monthly reminders of the deadline to recertify are sent to certificants via email beginning six months before their certification expiration dates and continuing as long as they have not completed recertification until the end of their recertification cycle.

G. Failure to Complete Recertification: When all relevant deadlines have passed without timely submission of a complete recertification application, a certificant's credential will be **decertified**, and the former credential holder must immediately desist from its use.

1. Once an individual has been decertified, he or she must either undergo the reinstatement process (if eligible) or apply for the certification as a new candidate to regain the credential and will be assigned a new certification number once certified. The certificant must abide by all eligibility requirements in effect at the time his/her application is approved.
2. Certification records of those whose credentials have expired or been decertified will be treated following IHMM's records retention policies.
3. Any continued use of the certification after expiration or decertification will be considered a violation of trademark law and may be referred for legal action.

H. Appeal of Decertification for Failure to Complete Recertification: The occurrence of any of the following events during the final three months (90 days) before a certificant's final recertification deadline shall be grounds for appeal:

1. Serious illness or an unexpected medical event
2. Death, serious illness, or medical event in the immediate family (parent, sibling, spouse, or child)
3. Overseas military or professional deployment (where contact is limited or not possible)
4. Other serious and unforeseen extenuating circumstances meriting review by IHMM's Professional Standards Committee
5. The IHMM Board, at its discretion, may grant a period beyond 5 years when it finds extraordinary or extenuating circumstances exist that affect the majority, if not all, IHMM certificants.

An appellant must submit a signed written request for an exception or reversal in consideration of their circumstances. A scanned copy of the document bearing the appellant's original signature shall be considered acceptable. The written request shall identify which of the enumerated grounds listed above serves as the basis of the appeal.

In addition, IHMM reserves the right to request documentation confirming the veracity of any claims made in an appeal. An appellant's providing such documentation with an appeal initially may expedite its processing.

Appeals made for reasons numbered 1, 2, 3, or 4 above will afford temporary continued status as an active certificant while a decision is pending. Appeals made based on these "pre-approved" circumstances will be reviewed by IHMM staff.

Appeals based on other extenuating circumstances will be referred to the Professional Standards Committee for review and will afford no such continued active status unless and until a reversal is rendered. Decertifications appealed this way to remain effective while they are considered. IHMM staff or the Professional Standards Committee shall provide the appellant with written notice of their decision on the appeal.

Approval of an appeal will result in reinstatement of the decertified credential contingent upon submission of a complete recertification form within 30 days of notice of the approval of the appeal. IHMM reserves the right to request documentation for any claims made in a recertification form.

Denial of an appeal shall represent the final Institute action on the matter. In the absence of any ethical violations, a decertified individual may regain their credential by beginning the application process as a new applicant.

IHMM and the IHMM Professional Standards Committee will not consider appeals made wholly or substantially on grounds of:

- Certificant's failure to maintain up-to-date contact information
- Tenure or stature as an IHMM certificant
- Failure to complete the application due to procrastination
- Refusal to participate in IHMM's established recertification process

It shall be considered unethical conduct for a current or former certificant to use the appeal process to exert unwarranted influence on the recertification process.

- I. **Reinstatement of a Decertified Credential:** An individual who previously held an IHMM certification that has not been decertified on ethical grounds may apply to have his or her certification reinstated if their annual fees have expired for less than five (5) years and/or their decertified certification has been expired for less than five (5) years. If either condition is not met, the individual must go through the full certification process to become certified again.

Reinstatement is not a reversal of decertification. All time in service is lost at the time of decertification. For more information regarding the reversal of decertification, please refer to IHMM's Decertification Appeal Policy.

Evidence of knowing continued use of a decertified certification after having been provided notice of decertification by IHMM is both illegal and unethical and will render the individual ineligible for reinstatement.

To begin the reinstatement process, the former certificant must complete and submit the reinstatement application and pay the Reinstatement Application Fee of \$75.00. Submission of a reinstatement application and payment of the fee does not confer any change in certification status. IHMM staff will review the application to determine the applicant's eligibility for reinstatement and, upon approval of the application, the applicant may then complete the reinstatement process as described below.

Annual Fees

An applicant whose certification has been decertified on grounds of past due Annual Certification Maintenance Fees (ACMF) must pay all fees past due at the time of decertification, including late fees, as well as an additional Reinstatement Administrative Fee of \$200.00. If annual fee status was the only ground for decertification, the applicant's previous certification expiration date will be applied to the reinstated certification.

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In addition to meeting all fee-related reinstatement requirements as described above, an applicant whose certification has been decertified on grounds of failure to recertify or whose previous certification expiration date has passed must complete a recertification application covering a period ending on the final day of the month the reinstatement application is submitted and going back five years. Reinstatement of certification will not be awarded until this application has been approved by IHMM, and there is no change in certification status conferred until an applicant finishes this recertification application.

- J. Inactive Status:** Any certificant who is unable to remain active in the profession due to circumstances beyond their control (e.g., medical disability, military assignment, the period of unemployment, etc.) **may** be eligible for Inactive status spanning a period of up to three years (36 months), during which time all payment and recertification requirements shall be waived.

To apply for Inactive status, the certificant must send an e-mail written request detailing the reason for their request to recertinfo@ihmm.org. IHMM reserves the right to request supporting documentation where deemed appropriate.

IHMM's Recertification Department will review all Inactive status requests and approve those that meet the eligibility criteria (including but not limited to):

- Injury, illness, or other medical disability preventing or substantially impacting active professional practice
- Military assignment/deployment
- Unemployment
- Other unforeseen circumstances beyond the certificant's control preventing or substantially impacting active professional practice

During an approved period of Inactive status:

- **The certificant shall not use their certification designation (i.e. "CHMM," "CHMP," "AHMM," "CDGP," "CDGT," "CSHM," or "CSMP" as applicable) designation, which implies active status.**
- A certificant approved for Inactive status may use the "CHMM (Inactive)," "CHMP (Inactive)," "AHMM (Inactive)," "CDGP (Inactive)," "CDGT (Inactive)," "CSHM (Inactive)," "CSMP (Inactive)," "CSSM" (Inactive), or "CPPS" (Inactive) (as applicable) designation in its place, though not in the context of active professional practice (you may represent yourself this way to prospective employers, but not as a short-term consultant or contractor).
- Professional Development (but **NOT** employment) activities occurring within the approved period of inactivity may be claimed for recertification credit upon return to Active status.

Inactive status:

- **Cannot be granted to certificants who are in their first recertification cycle.**
- **Cannot be granted retroactively and must, therefore, be requested as soon as possible.**

Once approved, and upon return to Active status, the certificant will be required to recertify with modified requirements.

Certificants who end their Inactive status on or before their original expiration date will recertify for that cycle with the normal minimum 200 CMP requirement reduced proportionally to correspond with their approved period of inactivity.

If the certificant's expiration date before entering inactive status has passed, the certificant must recertify for a new five-year cycle extending back 5 years from the month of reactivation, with the normal minimum 200 CMP requirement reduced proportionally to reflect the period of inactivity relevant to this new cycle.

A certificant in Inactive Status who is unable to return to Active status or otherwise does not reactivate their certification within the three-year (36 months) timeframe will have his or her credential decertified. It is the Inactive certificant's responsibility to contact IHMM and initiate the reactivation process.

An individual whose credential has been decertified under this rule shall be required to apply for and take the certification examination anew or apply for reinstatement to regain his or her credential.

K. Emeritus Status: A credential holder in good standing, who has recertified at least once, and who wishes to voluntarily relinquish their active status due to retirement is eligible to apply for Emeritus status. The CHMM/CHMP/AHMM/CDGP/CDGT/CSHM/CSMP/CSSM and CPPS (Emeritus) designation may be used on personal stationery and personal cards, but not on business cards or stationery used for commercial purposes. It shall be considered unethical conduct for an Emeritus certificant to use the active CHMM/CHMP/AHMM/CDGP/CDGT/CSHM/CSMP/CSSM and CPPS designation after acquiring Emeritus status, or to use the CHMM/CHMP/AHMM/CDGP/CDGT/CSHM/CSMP/CPPM and CPPS (Emeritus) designation while continuing to practice. Any violation of these restrictions would make the individual's Emeritus designation subject to revocation. Please contact IHMM if you wish to switch your active certification to the Emeritus designation.

L. Periodic Review

1. The Recertification Committee shall review these recertification policies at least annually, and recommend any revisions needed to the IHMM Board of Directors.
2. The list of qualifying activities and the recertification procedures shall be reviewed at least annually by the Recertification Committee and updated as needed.

M. Trademarks and Copyrights

Certified Hazardous Materials Manager®, Certified Hazardous Materials Practitioner®, Certified Dangerous Goods Professional™, Certified Dangerous Goods Trainer™, Associate Hazardous Materials Manager™, Certified Safety and Health Manager™, Certified Safety Management Practitioner™, CHMM®, CHMP®, AHMM™, CDGP®, CDGT™, CSHM™, CSMP™, CSSM™, and CPPS™ are registered trademarks of the Institute of Hazardous Materials Management. Individuals who earn IHMM credentials may use the relevant designations as long as the certification has not expired, been decertified, suspended, revoked, or voluntarily relinquished, or converted to Retired or Inactive status. The certificate is the property of IHMM and must be returned to IHMM upon request. IHMM aggressively enforces the appropriate use of its property, and unauthorized use may result in sanctions or

other penalties.

N. Duplicate Certificates

To receive a duplicate or replacement certificate, the certificant must be current in all obligations and must pay a processing fee. Should your certificate become lost or damaged, please contact IHMM at info@ihmm.org.

Qualifying Activities for Recertification

Category I - Active Professional Practice (Employment)

IHMM recognizes that certificants apply their specialized knowledge and skills in performing their jobs daily and that certified individuals are engaged in continuous learning on the job. In recognition of this value of employment in the field, certified individuals may qualify for **up to 50%** (100 CMPs) of their recertification points through Active Professional Practice. Some Active Professional Practice is required to recertify by an application.

“Any activity not otherwise claimed elsewhere claimed as employment”, is defined as any activity that may be identical or similar to items claimed for Employment/Active Professional Practice credit that is not a duplication of that specific instance or instances already claimed in this recertification cycle. This means one specific activity cannot be claimed twice for activities but two activities on different dates can be claimed in either section as needed.

A. Types of Active Professional Practice

1. The following activities qualify as Active Professional Practice:
 - a. As an employee with duties directly related to hazardous materials management or dangerous goods transportation, and applicable laws, regulations, technology, and related areas.
 - b. As a professional consultant whose responsibilities directly relate to hazardous materials management or dangerous goods transportation, and applicable laws, regulations, technology, and related areas.
 - c. As a faculty member of an accredited university or college teaching hazardous materials management or dangerous goods transportation, and applicable laws, regulations, technology, and related areas.
 - d. As an instructor who provides training outside the academic setting in hazardous materials management or dangerous goods transportation, and applicable laws, regulations, technology, and related areas (Training activities that are **not** part of a certificant’s employment will be credited under Professional Development).
 - e. Non-compensated work directly related to hazardous materials management or dangerous goods transportation, and applicable laws, regulations, technology, and related areas.

2. Credit Value for Non-Academic Employment
 - a. The maximum amount of credit that may be claimed for active practice is 20 CMPs per year (100 CMPs for the 5-year cycle).
 - b. Part-time and temporary work will be prorated as indicated in the table below:

Type of Activity	Activity Definition	CMP Credit Value
Full-time employment	≥ 32 hr per week	20 per year
Part-time employment	≥ 16 hr but < 32 hr per week	10 per year
Temporary or Contract work	< 16 hr per week	See table below

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Part-Time Work CMP Calculation	
AVG HR/WE EK	CMPS (ROUND ED)
1	1
2-3	2
4	3
5-6	4
7-8	5
9	6
10-11	7
12	8
13-15	9

3. Credit Value for Academic Employment

Type of Activity	Activity Definition	CMP Credit Value
Full-time academic instruction	≥ 12 credit hours	20 CMPs per year
Part-time academic instruction	≥ 6 but < 12 credit hours < 6 credit hours	10 CMPs per year 1 credit hour = 2 CMPs 2 credit hours = 4 CMPs 3 credit hours = 5 CMPs 4 credit hours = 7 CMPs 5 credit hours = 9 CMPs 6 credit hours = 10 CMPs

B. Documentation Requirements for Active Professional Practice

- The dates of employment and type of activity (full-time or part-time) may be documented with a written statement on company letterhead stationery which is signed by an official authority of the business or organization (other than you). An example follows:

<p>On Business Letterhead</p> <p><i>(Date)</i></p> <p><i>(Employee's name) has been employed by (company name) from (date) to (date) where (he/she) has worked continuously in a (full-time or part-time) position with significant duties and responsibilities in the area of hazardous materials in the workplace.</i></p> <p><i>(Signature, title, and contact information of a company or organization official)</i></p>

- Duties and responsibilities relating to hazardous materials may be described more fully in the company letter above or with the addition of a copy of a current official job description. A significant portion of one's job must correspond to one or more content areas of the most recent Examination Blueprint for your certification.

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3. Documenting your position as a self-employed professional is different from verifying your employment as an employee. Since an employee must provide external proof of their position and dates of employment, so must a business owner. Such documentation could include one or a combination of the following:
 - A current (within a 5-year cycle) W-9 form bearing your company's name, your name, and title (make sure to **redact** any confidential information, such as Social Security or Employer ID numbers)
 - A filed business license application bearing your company's name, your name, and title.
 - Articles of incorporation bearing your company's name, your name, and title
 - Current Certificate of Good Standing from the State Corporation Commission indicating the business's active status and the certificant's name
 - Other governmental/filed public record documentation demonstrating your relationship with your company.

When a certificant's employment claim(s) do not qualify for the maximum value of 100 CMPs for the 5-year cycle, enough additional CMP credit must be earned through engagement in professional development activities so that the overall total for the application meets the 200 CMP minimum for recertification.

Category II – Professional Development Activities (Continuing Education)

A. Evidence of Continued Competence

IHMM recognizes that certificants engage in many different types of activities that help them maintain currency in their profession, demonstrate professional growth, and enhance their knowledge, skills, and abilities in the field of hazardous materials management and related areas.

1. A minimum of 100 points per 5-year cycle (an average of 20 per year) must be earned in Category II.
2. All qualifying activities must pertain to one or more content areas of the relevant certification's Examination Blueprint.
3. Unless otherwise indicated, there is no maximum limit to the number of points that may be claimed for any listed activity.
4. The points apply ***only*** to the 5-year cycle in which the activities occurred.
5. Certificants may request the evaluation of an activity not covered in the claim types outlined in the claims tables (Appendix A) by submitting a request describing the professional development activity and the rationale for its inclusion. This request should be sent via email to recertinfo@ihmm.org, and if the committee has not previously evaluated the activity type, the IHMM staff liaison to the Recertification Committee shall add its discussion to the agenda of the next full committee meeting.

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B. Documentation Requirements for Professional Development Activities

Applicants for recertification must maintain all supporting documentation for five (5) years after submission of their application. IHMM reserves the right to request this documentation to substantiate his/her CMP credit claims at any time during the five (5) year period from the date their application is submitted.

1. Randomly selected applicants for recertification will need to submit supporting documentation along with their applications. Those certificants who are randomly selected will be notified after receipt of their application and will be required to submit full documentation for all claimed activities. Failure to submit the requested supporting documentation on time shall be considered a voluntary withdrawal from the recertification process and acceptance of the decertification of that credential.
2. Those applications that are not selected for audit will be evaluated based on the data entered into the application. Therefore, all pertinent sections of the form must be completed; including sections in which certificants attest to the truthfulness and accuracy of the information presented. The certificant must also pledge continued compliance with the relevant Code of Ethics.

C. Types of Professional Development Activities

SEE THE LATEST VERSION OF THE RECERTIFICATION CLAIMS TABLES (APPENDIX A) FOR DETAILS ON ACCEPTABLE TYPES OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CLAIMS FOR RECERTIFICATION.

Appendix A

Recertification Claims Table

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The tables contained herein outline the different recertification claim types and their corresponding values in Certification Maintenance Points (CMPs) if approved.

Unless otherwise noted, all activities claimed toward recertification as professional development must be separate from the employment claimed in the Employment section of the application. For example, if you are employed as a trainer, you may not claim providing that training as professional development.

Contact Hours

Where applicable, the term “**contact hours**” refers to actual instructional time spent in sessions, training, or on task. All breaks and meal times do not count toward contact hours.

Audit Documentation

Descriptions of suggested audit documentation are informational; all determinations regarding the adequacy of material provided in meeting the general standard of **authoritative third-party documentation** are made at the final discretion of the IHMM Recertification Department.

College Credit

All college courses claimed as completed or taught must be from an accredited college in the U.S. listed with the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). Courses from institutions outside the U.S. must be submitted along with a statement of equivalency from a recognized evaluating agency (see www.naces.org/member.htm for a complete list).

Military Training

Certain military training may be eligible for CMP credit regardless of whether similar or duplicate training has been requested for civilian employment (e.g. HAZWOPER training).

Revision Date	Sections Affected	Description	Revised By	Approved By
01/31/2024	Updated Recertification Table	Preparing for and Participating in a Podcast/Livestream or Panel as an Interviewer or Interviewee	Jimmy Nguyen	Gene Guilford
12/09/2021	Updated Recertification Table	Examination and Scheme Committee psychometric test development activities, item mapping, item writing procedures, and standard setting	M. Patricia Buley	Gene Guilford
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04/07/2020	Training, Learning, and Instruction & Service to the Profession and the Community	Review and language cleanup of the Recertification Claims chart	M. Patricia Buley, Jim Drosdak, and Jimmy Nguyen	Gene Guilford
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<i>Training, Learning, and Instruction</i>		
Qualifying Activity	Suggested Audit Documentation	CMP Credit Value
<p>Attending a seminar, webinar, workshop, initial or refresher training, official training, or exercise drill</p> <p>Training or coursework may be provided by the employer or not, online or in-person, on- or off-site, but must have a specific duration (real or official projection) and be directly related to one or more content areas of the Certification Examination Blueprint.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of attendance, showing date(s) and contact hours (or CEUs) • Registration coupled with itinerary or schedule demonstrating contact hours • Sign-in sheet from trainer indicating contact hours • Signed letter from trainer or supervisor acknowledging nature, date(s), and contact hours of training 	<p>1 CMP/contact hour 1 hour minimum, meal and other breaks not included</p>
<p>Attending a conference and in-conference technical sessions</p> <p>Conferences and sessions must be in the content area(s) of the Certification Examination Blueprint. Pre- and post-conference sessions and workshops may be claimed separately under the above claim type.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference registration confirmation coupled with the conference schedule annotated to reflect sessions attended and contact hours • Certificate of attendance reflecting dates and contact hours 	<p>1 CMP/contact hour Maximum of 5 CMPs per day, up to 20 CMPs per conference</p>
<p>Passing a college credit course</p> <p>Successfully completing and passing an accredited, college-level course in the content area(s) of the Certification Examination Blueprint.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official transcript(s) showing satisfactory completion of course taken. 	<p>5 CMPs/credit</p>
<p>Teaching a college-credit course (Not already claimed as employment*)</p> <p>Only courses taught at an accredited college qualify for CMP credits. Must be outside the normal course of employment, and in content area(s) of the Certification Examination Blueprint.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A course catalog or other official publication reflecting the dates/semester of the course, number of credits, and instructor's name • A letter of appointment or appreciation from the institution. 	<p>8 CMPs/credit</p>
<p>Developing a training course (Not already claimed as employment*)</p> <p>This includes researching, writing, and editing the content of a single training course in the content area(s) of the Certification Examination Blueprint. Claimant must be a primary contributor. Course must have been delivered at least once.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of the course outline or abstract which shows the name(s) of the contributor(s) plus documentation of the course's delivery 	<p>3 CMPs/contact hours of developed course</p>
<p>Preparing and delivering an original presentation</p> <p>This activity must be within the content area(s) of the Certification Examination Blueprint and have a significant purpose in terms of advancing knowledge or competency of the audience.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule for the event showing the presenter's name and topic of the presentation. 	<p>5 CMPs/presentation</p>

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<p>Preparing for and Participating in a Podcast/Livestream or Panel as an Interviewer or Interviewee This activity must be within the content area(s) of the Certification Examination Blueprint and have a significant purpose in terms of advancing knowledge or competency of the audience.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule for the event showing the presenter's name and topic of the interview. • If the event has been archived, provide a web link 	<p>1 CMPs/ Contact hour</p>
<p>Participating as a part-time instructor for training courses (Not already claimed as employment*) Part-time course instruction must be performed outside of one's job. Claims may be subject to scrutiny for repeated delivery of the same content and must be in the content area(s) of the Certification Examination Blueprint.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of a course schedule with the instructor's name and subject matter listed. 	<p>3 CMPs/ contact hour</p>

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<i>Resource Development</i>		
Qualifying Activity	Suggested Audit Documentation	CMP Credit Value
<p>Authoring/co-authoring/editing a chapter for a book Writing or editing a chapter of a reference or resource book that is used by professionals who practice in a content area of the Certification Examination Blueprint. Peer review alone does not constitute editing for the purposes of this claim type, you must be a named contributor.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of the chapter title page with the name of the author or editor, and copyright page to verify the date of publication 	7 CMPs/chapter (Max 70 CMPs/Book)
<p>Authoring an original reference source or article Writing an article for a magazine or other reference source that is used by professionals to enhance their knowledge or competency in a content area of the Certification Examination Blueprint.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of the title page of the article with the name of the author and date of publication 	10 CMPs/article
<p>Authoring a technical manual Writing a technical manual or source that is used by professionals beyond your organization, not including clients for whom it was produced to enhance their knowledge or competency in a content area of the Certification Examination Blueprint.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of the title page with the name of the author and date of publication/distribution 	15 CMPs/manual
<p>Authoring a technical procedure or method Writing a significant technical procedure or method in a content area of the Certification Examination Blueprint that is original and recognized beyond your company or organization, not including clients for whom it was produced. “Tailgate-type” instructions and guidance are excluded.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of the title page of the procedure or method with validation of its authorship and date 	10 CMPs/procedure or method
<p>Registering a patent as the primary registrant or being named as an honorary mention in a company-owned patent registration The patent must be successfully registered with the US Government Patent Office and relate to a content area of the Certification Examination Blueprint.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of the title page of the registration showing the date and primary registrant (and/or secondary registrants or honorary mentions) 	70 CMPs/patent

***(Not already claimed as employment) - the claimed activity may be similar or identical to other activity items that have not been claimed for Employment/Professional Practice CMP credit if the instance of a claim is not a direct duplication of the specific instance and has not already been used for credit**

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<i>Service to the Profession and Community</i>		
Qualifying Activity	Suggested Audit Documentation	CMP Credit Value
<p>Volunteer Leadership Position Serving on the IHMM Board of Directors, as Chair of an IHMM Committee, or on the Board of Directors, as an <u>officer</u>, or as a <u>standing committee Chair</u> at any other, acceptable organization which serves those who practice in a field relevant to the Certification Examination Blueprint</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence of the position held and date(s) (letter or other document) plus a description of the position that details the duties as they relate to practice in the field and/or content areas of the blueprint. 	Up to 20 CMPs/year (prorated)
<p>Participating in an industry, government standards, or similar advisory committee Participating at the local or national level relating to the development of standards or in a technical or professional advisory capacity associated with content areas of the Certification Examination Blueprint</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of a letter from an officer of the organization acknowledging participation, including dates. 	Up to 10 CMPs/year (prorated)
<p>Participating in legislative or rule-making activity (Not already claimed as employment*)</p> <p>Participating in proposed rule-making, public comment to executive agencies, promulgation in the Federal Register, testifying before legislative bodies, etc. related to one or more areas of the Certification Examination Blueprint</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Official documentation of attendance and participation 	1 CMPs/contact hour
<p>Participating/Serving on the Job Task Analysis (JTA) panel for an IHMM credential Participating in the performance of a job analysis to revise the Certification Examination Blueprint, to include all duties and tasks involved. Job Task Analyses are performed once every 5 years, or as needed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of acknowledgment letter from IHMM. 	20 CMPs
<p>Participating/Serving in an IHMM examination or scheme committee for an IHMM credential Participating in item writing including technical review and content validation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of acknowledgment letter from IHMM. 	10 CMPs
<p>Participating/Serving in an IHMM examination or scheme committee for an IHMM credential Participating in the Item Mapping Process</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of acknowledgment letter from IHMM. 	10 CMPs
<p>Participating/Serving in an IHMM examination or scheme committee for an IHMM credential Participating in Standard Setting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of acknowledgement letter from IHMM 	10 CMPs

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<p>Participating in volunteer community service Participating in volunteer service that substantively pertains to a content area of the Certification Examination Blueprint and contributes to the advancement of knowledge and competency as a professional</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter from an authoritative source providing a description of the activity, acknowledging participation and time spent 	<p>1 CMP/contact hour</p>
<p>Submitting a potential exam item Submission should include the preparing and submitting of a completed Item Processing Sheet with an item in an area of the Certification Examination Blueprint. The item must meet all standards for items set by IHMM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of acknowledgment letter from IHMM, Item Processing Form (including documentation of full references cited) 	<p>1 CMP/item Maximum of 20 per recertification cycle</p>
<p>Obtaining a new certification or state license (Non-renewal) Receiving a new state license or professional certification in a content area of the certification examination blueprint. Excludes renewal of a previously held license or certificate, only claimable for the initial award of certification or license</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy or photo image of the license or certificate, or Letter of Compliance/Acknowledgment, as appropriate 	<p>15 CMPs/New license or certification</p>
<p>Other professional accomplishments Includes any other professional accomplishment or activities related to the Certification Examination Blueprint that are not covered elsewhere in this table</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full description of the activity with a fair estimate of the time spent and rationale for the CMP value 	<p>5 CMPs/year May not be claimed for the same award or from the same organization more than once per cycle</p>
<p>Designation as an IHMM Fellow Award of designation as a Fellow of the Institute of Hazardous Materials Management by the IHMM Board of Directors. One-time claim</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of acknowledgement letter from IHMM 	<p>20 CMPs (one-time claim)</p>
<p>Designation as an IHMM Distinguished Diplomate Award of designation as a Distinguished Diplomate of the Institute of Hazardous Materials Management by the IHMM Board of Directors. One-time claim</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of acknowledgement letter from IHMM 	<p>20 CMPs (one-time claim)</p>
<p>Mentoring A mentor must be a current IHMM certificiant and the mentoring must be specifically focused on the areas of the IHMM Examination Blueprints. Mentoring <u>shall be separate from any employment activity or job functions</u> such as but not limited to, department director, department manager, project manager, and other job functions where staff supervision is part of employment duties. <u>The mentor and mentee can be employed by the same organization.</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The certificiant mentor must keep a record of interactions in any mentoring sessions 	<p>Up to 10 CMPs/Year</p>