



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 Cardiac Electrophysiology for the Physician

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.

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 Candidacy

To qualify for an IBHRE examination, each candidate must submit a complete application that demonstrates that he or she meets the exam eligibility 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 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.

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