A few months ago, compliance professionals embraced another year of endless opportunities and accomplishments. As we enter second quarter, organizational objectives are underway. What about personal development objectives? For many, a compliance certification exam may be on their list, but it may not have secured one of the top priority slots. To some, it is due to competing priorities. For others, it is due to previous unsuccessful test results. Whether it is one or several unsatisfactory attempts, the goal remains achievable.

For compliance professionals who have previously taken the exam and decided not to retake it, you should reconsider. Certification is more than obtaining another credential to demonstrate competence. It demonstrates commitment to the public, the employing organization, and the Compliance profession. Roy Snell wrote a Letter from the CEO entitled, “Compliance certification by the profession, for the profession, and of the profession” which provides details on development, testing, and exam purpose. In “Certification — the mark of a recognized professional,” Margaret Dragon discusses value, heightened credibility, and employer awareness. Both are great resources to reinforce commitment.

Reminders for the Actively Certified

What should my certification logo/phrase look like and where can I find them?

If writing out your certification, please use the following:

- Certified in Healthcare Compliance (CHC)*
- Certified in Healthcare Research Compliance (CHRC)*
- Certified in Healthcare Privacy Compliance (CHPC*)
- Certified in Healthcare Compliance Fellow (CHC-F)™
- Certified Compliance & Ethics Professional (CCEP)*
- Certified Compliance & Ethics Professional-International (CCEP-I)™
- Certified Compliance & Ethics Professional Fellow (CCEP-F)™

You can access the certification logo images from the links below:


Remember, when using the certification logo, the logo should be attributed only to the person who holds it as opposed to the company you work for. You earned it, be sure you own it!
2015’s Frequently asked questions?

Why do I need to submit back up documentation when I submit an Individual Accreditation application?

Back-up documentation for Individual Accreditation submissions is needed so our reviewers can determine that the compliance content requirement for the submission was met, as well as it allows us to verify the time spent on the activity and assess or verify the proper amount of credits earned.

Why should someone maintain a certification?

Maintenance of a certification, regardless of what the certification is for, is meant to demonstrate continual commitment to retaining and gaining experience and education in a specific field. Having a certification to demonstrate a specific skillset can be seen as valuable, whether in one’s current position or when in the job market. Check out “What your peers are saying about certification,” on Page 4.

Can I earn continuing education for speaking on a compliance related topic?

Yes, speaking on compliance related topic is worth two “live” CEUs. To claim your CEUs for presenting on a compliance-related topic outside of an SCCE/HCCA event, simply fill out an Individual Accreditation application (found on http://www.compliancecertification.org/ccbiaa). Be sure to include the required back-up documentation (agenda, handouts, attendance certificate, etc.) and fill out all portions of the form for review and credit assessment.

How many people hold a health care compliance certification in my state?

We get this one a lot! Check out Page 2 for the state by state breakdown!

What is “live” training?

For purposes of continuing education, the term “live” training is any training that was conducted in real-time/interactive and allows for presenter interaction. Examples of “live” training include a face-to-face conference or a real-time audio or web conference.

The requirement to maintain a CCB (CHC, CHRC, CHPC, CCEP, CCEP-I) credential is 40; do I need 80 to maintain two CCB credentials?

No, the same 40 CEUs may be used to maintain both certifications as long as they were earned within each certifications’ respective renewal period.

What topics can I speak on that will earn me continuing education?

There are numerous topics a person can speak on to earn their compliance continuing education. Any one of the following subject areas have been identified by CCB as relevant to compliance certification: Application of management practices for the compliance professional, application of personal and business ethics in compliance, written compliance policies and procedures, designation of compliance officers and committees, compliance training and education, communication and reporting mechanisms in compliance, enforcement of compliance standards and discipline, auditing and monitoring for compliance, response to compliance violations and corrective actions, and complying with government regulators.

Certification Fun facts

- CCB certifications held has grown 13% since December 2014. With more individuals holding CCB certifications, and recognition of the credential growing, certified individuals are seeing the perks to earning and maintain the credential! Check out the SCCE bit.ly/SCCESurvey and HCCA bit.ly/HCCASurvey Salary Surveys.
- Alaska doubled the amount of certified individuals within the state in the last year!
- California has the more certified individuals than any other state
- CCEP and CCEP-I certifications are held by individuals in 73 different countries!
Look inside to learn more about:

- FAQs by your peers
- Current certification statistics
- How to display your certification

What your peers are saying about their certification....

“I believe to be certified in your field gives you a greater credibility in the healthcare industry and to the individuals you work with. I think it is the industry standard that every compliance professional should work to attain. CHC will open opportunities for growth and development in careers since many job opportunities now have as a minimum requirement that the applicant have earned their CHC.”

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The CCEP certification is much more than a simple credential that follows your name. It carries with it an important responsibility to our profession and tells the world that you have the requisite knowledge and commitment needed to help drive, promote, and manage successful E&C programs. For these reasons, we are now seeing it on many E&C job postings as a valued skill set!

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