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Cardiovascular Credentialing International to Sunset On-the-Job Training as Qualification Pathway for Invasive Registry Examination

Effective July 1, 2013, Cardiovascular Credentialing International (CCI) will officially remove the RCIS1 Qualification (also referred to as the On-the-Job Training qualification) that allows applicants who ONLY have two (2) years (full-time or full-time equivalent) working in Invasive Cardiovascular Technology, at the time of application, to qualify for CCI's Invasive Registry examination. The Invasive Registry examination is the required examination for the Registered Cardiovascular Invasive Specialist (RCIS) credential.

The CCI Board of Trustees made this decision to change examination qualifications after consulting with organizations and members of the invasive cardiovascular professional community. CCI recognizes the need for formal education in this field of practice; this is consistent with minimum standards for professional licensure and elevates the overall status of the RCIS credential.

Applicants who wish to apply for the Invasive Registry examination under qualification pathway RCIS1 will have to submit their application by or before June 30, 2013 to be considered. Applications based on the RCIS1 qualification, postmarked after June 30, 2013 will not be processed and will be returned to the applicant instructing him or her to apply under the available qualification pathways.

At this point, there is no foreseen change to the remaining RCIS qualification pathways (RCIS2, RCIS3, RCIS4, and RCIS5). This change in qualification pathways ONLY affects the RCIS credential, no changes to qualifications for any other CCI credential are being made at this time.

The Registered Cardiovascular Invasive Specialist (RCIS) credential is the only internationally recognized credential which demonstrates the obtainment of all the skills and knowledge required to function in the cardiac catheterization laboratory. The RCIS credential is administered and governed by CCI. The RCIS credentialing program is accredited by the American National Standards Institute under the International Standards Organization's ISO/IEC 17024 accreditation guidelines.

CCI is a not-for-profit corporation established for the purpose of administering credentialing examinations as an independent credentialing agency. CCI began credentialing cardiovascular professionals in 1968.

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