



CBDCE Town Hall

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Goals

- ▶ To share information about recent updates to CBDCE certification programs
 - ▶ Certification Renewal Cycles (CDCES and BC-ADM)
 - ▶ BC-ADM eligibility requirements
 - ▶ New potential certification program
- ▶ To answer questions and hear your feedback

CDCES Renewal Cycle

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What is changing?

- ▶ The renewal cycle is changing from 5 year to 3 years

Requirements Changes

- ▶ 1,000 practice hours ➡ 600 practice hours (proportional)
- ▶ 75 CE hours ➡ 45 CE hours (proportional)
- ▶ Still need 2 activities on ADA standards of Care updates

CDCES Renewal Cycle

Why is it changing?

- ▶ The pace of change is too fast in diabetes care for a 5-year cycle
 - ▶ Protects certificants and credibility
 - ▶ Protects people at risk for or living with diabetes
- ▶ Certification boards across disciplines and industries are moving to shorter renewal cycles.

CDCES Renewal Cycle

Is the fee changing?

- ▶ No. The renewal fee will remain \$250 for CDCES.

Does that mean I'm paying more per year?

- ▶ Yes.
- ▶ The volume and cost of processing renewals is the same, whether we do it over 3 years or 5 years.
- ▶ CBDCE has not raised fees in 20 years.

Credentialing Body	Cycle Length	Renewal/annual maintenance	Annual Requirements
Certification Board for Diabetes Care and Education -- CDCES updated	3 years	\$250/\$83 per year	No
American Nurses Credentialing Center	5 years	\$395/\$75 per year (non-members)	No
Commission on Dietetic Registration (RD/RDN)	5 years (annual fee)	\$450/\$90 annual fee (as of June 2027)	No
Board of Pharmacy Specialties	7 years (annual fee)	\$125 annual fee plus \$400 for renewal (\$182 per year)	Yes
National Commission on Certification of PAs	10 years (bi-annual fee) - Five 2-year cycles	\$180 biannual fee/ \$90 per year	Bi-Annual

CDCES Renewal Cycle

When does it go into effect?

- ▶ New Certificants: January 2027 (based on passing exam)
- ▶ Current certificants:
 - ▶ Current cycle will end as planned – no changes to requirements
 - ▶ If renewing in 2028 or later: Will transition to 3-year cycle with *next cycle*

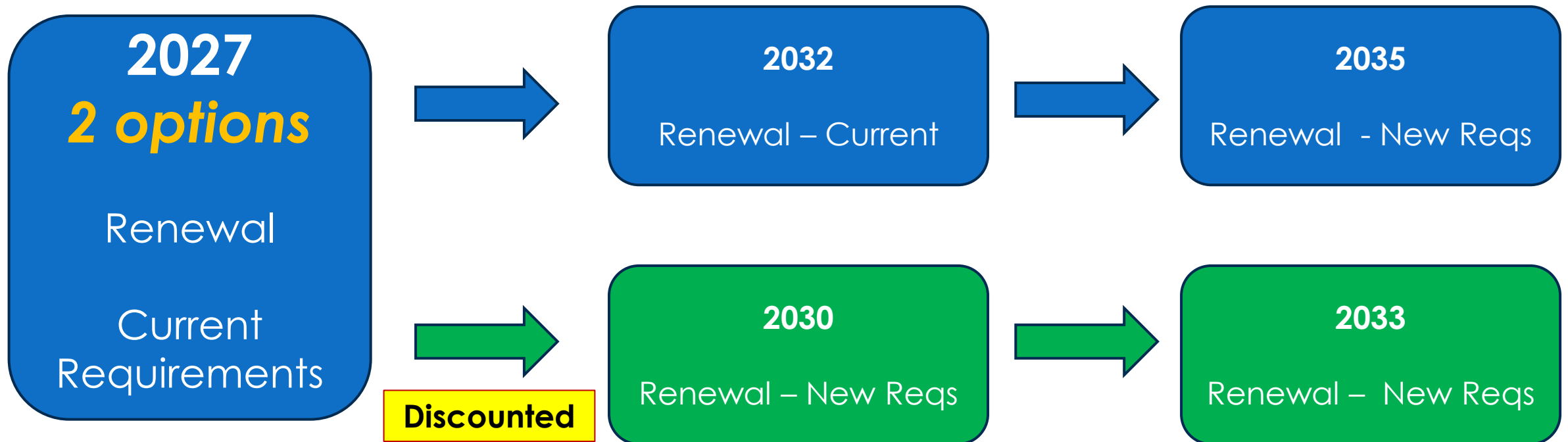
CDCES Renewal Cycle: Scenarios

Renewed/renewing/certifying in 2026:



CDCES Renewal Cycle: Scenarios

Renewed/renewing/certifying in 2027 – 2 OPTIONS:



CDCES Renewal Cycle: Scenarios

Renewed/renewing/certifying in 2028:



Questions?



BC-ADM Certification Program Changes

BC-ADM: A little background...

- ▶ CBDCE acquired the BC-ADM Certification from ADCES in 2025
- ▶ Conducted market analysis on the certification to assess its strengths and areas for improvement (interviews, surveys, focus groups)
- ▶ Clear and consistent feedback on needs:
 - ▶ Clearly distinguish the BC-ADM from CDCES
 - ▶ Raise awareness about the value of BC-ADM

BC-ADM Changes: Snapshot

- ▶ More clearly focus the BC-ADM on advanced **clinical** management of diabetes care.
 - ▶ A separate role from CDCES - not an “Advanced” CDCES
- ▶ Update the eligibility requirements and content to reflect this focus
- ▶ Marketing campaign in 2027 to promote the value of BC-ADM to relevant stakeholders – employers, primary care, payors, etc.

BC-ADM Changes: Eligibility

BC-ADM certification is for health care professionals who are **prescribers and clinical decision-makers** in diabetes care (one of the below):

- ▶ Physicians and Advanced Practice Providers: MD, DO, PA, NP
- ▶ APRN/CNS or PharmD with medication prescribing authority in their state
- ▶ Advanced practice RN, RD/RDN or RPh:
 - ▶ + master's degree or higher in clinical or health care-related field
 - ▶ + collaborative practice agreement (CPA) or delegation protocol (DP) in place

All current certificants are grand-parented in perpetuity

BC-ADM Changes: Timeline

When will the eligibility changes take effect?

- ▶ 2027 for new BC-ADM applicants (June exam)

What other changes are happening?

- ▶ The exam content is being updated to reflect clearer clinical focus
 - ▶ New exam content in June 2027; New outline by end of year
- ▶ Renewal cycle will also change to 3-years (same timeline as CDCES)
 - ▶ Effective in 2028 for renewing certificants

BC-ADM Changes: FAQs

If I no longer have prescribing authority after earning the BC-ADM, will I lose the BC-ADM?

- ▶ No. Eligibility is based on your qualifications at time of application.
- ▶ Prescribing authority, collaborative practice agreements, and/or delegation protocols will not be needed for renewal (current or future).

Do you have examples of collaborative practice agreements or delegation protocols?

- ▶ We are working with partners to make examples available by the time they will be needed in early 2027.

Questions?





Potential New Certification for Support-Level Staff

Exploring a New Credential

What are we talking about?

CBDCE is exploring a new “Associate” Certification for support-level staff in diabetes care:

- ▶ Medical assistants
- ▶ Nursing assistants
- ▶ Pharmacy technicians
- ▶ Dietetic technicians
- ▶ Community health workers

Still determining eligible audiences and criteria.

Exploring a New Credential

Why are we exploring a new credential?

- ▶ Support-level professionals can play a vital role in diabetes care.
- ▶ Establish a standard for core knowledge and skills.
- ▶ Support current CDCESs and BC-ADMs
 - ▶ Referrals
 - ▶ Common language and standards
- ▶ Improve the care of people at risk for or living with diabetes.

Exploring a New Credential

What does “exploring” mean?

- ▶ Currently in the “Discovery Phase”
- ▶ Conducting a feasibility study:
 - ▶ Surveys of current CDCESs and BC-ADMs
 - ▶ Surveys of potential certificants
 - ▶ Focus groups
 - ▶ Discussions with potential partners for education development

Exploring a New Credential

What do we know so far?

- ▶ Widespread support for moving forward
- ▶ Must distinguish from and protect the value of the CDCES

What is our timeline (if we move forward)?

- ▶ 2027: Development
- ▶ 2028: Launch

Exploring a New Credential

Want to get involved or provide feedback?

- ▶ Email us: newcert@cbdce.org
- ▶ Provide your information for updates:
<https://www.jotform.com/build/261594689097174>
(Available on our web-site with video message on new certification)
- ▶ Check in on our web-site: New “CBDCE News” section with announcements

Questions?



Other New Stuff!

- ▶ **CBDCE-Recognized Preparation Pathways for Initial Certification - Now live!**
- ▶ **More Scholarships than ever**
 - ▶ 50 scholarships per year for CDCES
 - ▶ 10 scholarship per year for BC-ADM
- ▶ **Exploring additional recognition programs**
 - ▶ How can we make renewal resources more accessible?
 - ▶ How can we recognize employers who value certification?