

# 2011 CRA RECERTIFICATION

**DEADLINE DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2011**

Certified Retinal Angiographers (CRA's) are required to recertify at three-year intervals following initial certification. It is the responsibility of the Certified Retinal Angiographer to provide proof of compliance with the recertification requirements prior to the end of the third year of each interval of certification. Failure to do so will result in the revocation of CRA certification. Once revoked, certification can only be regained by applying for and fulfilling the current requirements for CRA certification.

The requirements for recertification are as follows:

1. Recertification requires the accrual of fifteen hours of continuing education credits (15 CEC's) during each three-year interval following initial certification.

### **CEC's may be earned in the following manner:**

- A. Of the fifteen required hours, a minimum of five (5 CEC's) MUST be earned by attending official OPS or OPS approved courses, online resources or workshops. Each hour of lecture or workshop equals one credit hour (1 CEC).
- B. Of the fifteen required hours, a maximum of ten (10 CEC's) MAY be earned by teaching official OPS or OPS approved courses or workshops. Each hour of lecture or workshop equals one credit hour (1CEC).
- C. Of the fifteen required hours, a maximum of ten (10 CEC's) May be earned by attending NON-OPS APPROVED courses or workshops. These include courses or workshops approved by the Joint Commission of Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology (JCAHPO) or courses approved by the American Medical Association (AMA) for Category I Continuing Ophthalmic Medical Education. Each hour of these courses or workshops equals one half-credit hour (1/2 CEC).
- D. Of the fifteen required hours, a maximum of ten (10 CEC's) May be earned by first authorship or co-authorship of, The OPS Journal, ophthalmic journals, photographic journals, ophthalmic or photographic text books and other scientific publications. All submissions must be of merit and well recognized. The total value for any submission shall not exceed three (3 CEC's). Submission of publications for CEC review must be made by separate application. (See CEC's for Publication for details)

### **Responsibility and Verifications**

It is the responsibility of Certified Retinal Angiographers to keep track of their CEC's and submit their application with supporting documentation verifying course teaching, course or workshop attendance or publication credits. Credits for teaching must be supported by a copy of the printed program reflecting the type and degree of involvement. A certificate of attendance or statement of attendance on official letterhead from the course director of courses, on line seminars, or workshops is required. A receipt of courses paid for is not acceptable as evidence of attendance. Credits for publications must be supported by a validation letter from the Chairman, Recertification Section.

2. Recertification requires the submission of a copy of a current certificate in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) from a recognized organization. The American Red Cross or the American Heart Association is preferred.

3. Payment of the prevailing recertification fee, payable in US dollars to the Board of Certification.

#### 2011 Recertification Fee

Non-Members:	\$160.00
Current Members:	\$ 80.00



Please call the OPS Membership Office at 1-800-403-1677 to verify your membership status before submitting your payment.

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## Recertification Appeals

Should recertification be denied, the applicant may appeal within thirty (30) days to the Chairman of the Recertification Section. Should this appeal be denied, the applicant may further appeal to the Board of Certification for a decision, which will be final and binding.

## Recertification Applications and Information

The Chairman of the Recertification Section annually mails in February, reminder postcards to all CRA's with an expiration date of **December 31<sup>st</sup> 2011** of the concurrent year. CRA's that have not received their postcards by March 1st, of their third year of certification, should contact the recertification section chairman. Applications may be downloaded from: <http://www.opsweb.org/Certif/Down.html>

CRA's having difficulty completing their requirements or expect to be unable to meet the **December 31<sup>st</sup> 2011** dead line should contact the section chairman as soon as possible. He may be able to provide assistance or a course of action necessary for completing the requirements. CRA's should contact the section chairman by mail, fax or phone for current answers to their questions or concerns about recertification requirements or accrual of continuing education credits.

## Continuing Education Credits for Publications

Application is initiated by requesting a CEC Evaluation Form from the Recertification Section Chairman. The completed form and a copy of each publication are submitted for review. The chairman will issue a written report validating CEC's for recertification use.

Continuing Education Credits (CEC's) may be earned in the following manner:

OPS Journal Publications	three 3 (CEC's)	per publication
Textbook Publications	two 2 (CEC's)	per publication
All other Publications-per case basis	one 1 (CEC)	per publication

Publication of the same material in different publications will receive credit only once. Credit will be given for the first year of a publication. Challenges to credit evaluations received by the chairman will be forwarded to the BOC Executive Committee, which will deliberate the case. The decision of the BOC Executive Committee will be final and binding.

Please contact me with any concerns you may have

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