

## **Practice Requirement Change for Initial Certification**

Beginning in 2009 CBIC eliminated the requirement that candidates complete a minimum of two years of clinical experience before attempting the examination to gain initial certification. However, actual practice in the field of infection prevention and control is required for initial certification. The exam is written for a person who has actively practiced in the field for two years. Considering that, each candidate should assess their own level of skills and understanding in deciding when to sit for the exam.

Practice must have included at least five of the seven components of the infection prevention and control activities

The clinical practice of infection prevention and control occurs in various patient care settings and uses the knowledge and skills described in the content outline. Activities must include both:

1. analysis and interpretation of collected infection prevention data;
2. the investigation and surveillance of suspected outbreaks of infection;

and at least three of the following:

3. the planning, implementation and evaluation of infection prevention and control measures;
4. the education of individuals about infection risk, prevention and control;
5. the development and revision of infection control policies and procedures;
6. the management of infection prevention and control activities; and
7. the provision of consultation on infection risk assessment, prevention and control strategies.