



SANCTIONS FOR INAPPROPRIATE USE OF THE CIC[®] DESIGNATION

CIC[®] is a federally registered trademark and property of the Certification Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc. Persons who may use the CIC[®] designation are those who have successfully passed the computer-based examination (CBT) or the web-based Self-Achievement Recertification Examination (SARE) within the previous five (5) years. Others who may use the CIC[®] are those past members of the Certification Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology whose service was within the previous two (2) years. Recertification by examination is necessary before the end of the fifth (5th) year for those previously certified and before the end of the third (3rd) year for past CBIC Board Members. Those individuals in these groups who do not recertify within these prescribed time limits may no longer use the CIC[®] designation.

No other person or persons are permitted to use the CIC[®] designation including, but not limited to, persons who fail to pass either the CBT or SARE. Individuals discovered using the designation and misrepresenting themselves as certified in Infection Prevention and Control may have the following sanctions imposed upon them:

- Issuance of a Cease and Desist Order by the Massachusetts Federal District Court which may include:
 - A minimum statutory fine of \$1000.00
 - Payment of all court costs for trademark owner;
- Deemed untrustworthy or unethical and permanently denied the opportunity to attempt the CBT or SARE and the use of the CIC[®];
- Deemed untrustworthy or unethical and denied use of the CIC[®] even with a passing examination score if the use of the CIC[®] was made prior to the announcement of the passing grade and awarding of the CIC[®] by CBIC.

Other sanctions not named above may be imposed by the CBIC Board of Directors with guidance from CBIC Legal Counsel.

Examples of Inappropriate Use of CIC[®]:

- Using CIC[®] and not re-certifying (either by omission or failure to pass) prior to the end of your certification year.
- Misrepresenting yourself as eligible to take the examination.
 - Regardless of the outcome of the examination, you are still ineligible to use CIC[®]
- Never attempting to take the certification examination and using the CIC[®] designation.