



About the CIC®

The CIC® examination is the standardized measure of the basic knowledge, skills and abilities expected of professionals working in the field of infection prevention and control. It is the only certification in infection prevention and control accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA).

The purpose of the certification process is to protect the public by:

1. Providing standardized measurement of current basic knowledge needed for persons practicing infection control.
2. Encouraging individual growth and study, thereby promoting professionalism among infection control professionals.
3. Formally recognizing infection control professionals who fulfill the requirements for certification.



Individuals who earn their CIC® credential join over 7,000 practitioners worldwide who are Certified in Infection Control.

Who can use the CIC® designation

Individuals who have successfully passed the proctored initial certification examination and have maintained certification by successfully passing the recertification examination or submitting their recertification by continuing education portfolio may use the CIC® designation.



How to use the CIC® designation

CIC® is a federally registered trademark and property of the Certification Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc. The CIC® credential may be used on resumes, business cards, letterhead, and other professional communications.

Inappropriate use of the CIC® designation

The CIC® credential may not be used for product or other endorsements. CICs must recertify every 5 years, or they will lose their CIC® credential. Those individuals who do not recertify within the prescribed time limit 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 initial or recertification examinations.