

# Certification in Infection Control<sup>®</sup> (CIC<sup>®</sup>): Overview



## CIC<sup>®</sup> Eligibility Requirements

In order to be eligible to take the initial certification exam, you must meet **ALL** of the following requirements at the time of application:



First-time candidates, candidates who have not successfully passed the examination, and lapsed certificants wishing to become certified again must have:

1. Completed post-secondary education in a health-related field including but not limited to medicine, nursing, laboratory technology, public health, or biology. Post-secondary includes public or private universities, colleges, community colleges, etc.
2. Direct responsibility of the infection prevention and control programs/activities in a healthcare setting, and this is reflected in your current job description.
3. Work experience, defined as active engagement in infection prevention, determined by a current job description, for compensation, for a minimum of:
  - At least one-year full-time employment  
OR
  - Two (2) years part-time employment  
OR
  - Completed 3,000 hours of infection prevention work experience earned during the previous three (3) years

## CIC<sup>®</sup> Exam Process

### STEP 1

Review the CIC<sup>®</sup> eligibility requirements.

### STEP 2

Submit your application, supporting documentation, and application fee.

### STEP 3

Wait 7-10 business days for the CBIC office to review your application.

### STEP 4

Receive follow up communication from CBIC office. If you are accepted, you'll receive an email from CBIC with next steps. If you are not accepted, you'll receive a full refund.

### STEP 5

Schedule and take your exam within your 90-day eligibility period.

### STEP 6

If successful, your certification is valid for the next five years. Recertification must be completed every five years in order to maintain your certification.

## Candidate Testing Experience

The examination is offered five to seven days a week at Prometric testing centers worldwide. Candidates may also take the examination at home via Prometric's live remote proctoring option, Pro Proctor.

## Scheduling Information

A candidate's eligibility is valid for 90 days after receiving email confirmation from CBIC. The examination must be scheduled and taken within this 90-day period. A candidate who fails to schedule an exam appointment within the 90-day eligibility period forfeits his/her examination fees and must submit a new completed application and the appropriate examination fee in order to be eligible to sit for the examination again. To schedule an appointment online or to view Prometric's contact information, visit <https://www.prometric.com/test-takers/search/cbic>.



## Exam Day Information

On the day of your appointment, you must present a valid, government-issued form of ID that contains your signature and a recognizable photograph. This document must be in Latin characters. In addition, the first and last name displayed on your ID must match the name you used to register and confirm your examination appointment. If the name on your ID does not match your exam confirmation, please contact CBIC at [info@cbic.org](mailto:info@cbic.org) prior to your testing date.

Valid forms of identification include:

- Driver's License
- Military ID
- Passport
- National Identification Card

## Rescheduling Information

Rescheduling fees, paid through Prometric, are as follows:

- Rescheduling 30 days or more in advance — No Charge
- Rescheduling between 5 and 29 days in advance — \$30 Fee
- No rescheduling or cancellations are allowed within 5 days of your appointment; examination fees will be forfeited. Examination fees will also be forfeited if a candidate fails to appear for a scheduled test.

## CBIC Contact Information

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