



## **IPU Guide for International CICs**

The CIC® is an internationally recognized credential, with infection prevention and control practitioners around the world carrying the CIC. Currently 39 countries (and counting!) contain CIC certified practitioners. Because requirements for continuing education and professional development programs can vary from country to country, this is not an all-inclusive list and should be used solely as a guideline when determining if a continuing education activity can be used for IPU.

### **General Standards**

All activities must fall under at least one of the eight domains, or content areas of the CIC examination, to be eligible for IPU.

All activities must offer some form of official verification documentation upon successful completion of the activity. The verification documentation at minimum must include the participant's name, the name of the activity, the date in which it took place, and how many hours or credits were earned.

The hosting organization must be accredited or approved with a licensing body to provide continuing education. If the organization is not accredited they must tailor their activities to meet the requirements for continuing medical education and professional development standards set by their regional governing body or provincial licensing and registration body. These organizations must be able to provide documentation on how they meet these standards if requested.

Medical companies, pharmaceutical companies, governmental and private sectors which do not specialize in health fields, and unlicensed health and education sectors are not acceptable providers.

Please note that review of international portfolios may take slightly longer if verification with international organizations is necessary. CBIC will reach out directly with an update if a delay is expected.

### **Verification Documentation**

All verification documentation submitted for IPU must be translated and provided in the English language. Copies of certificates of participation, program syllabi, copies of publications, or any other type of documentation of your continuing competence activities, should be retained until you receive confirmation that your portfolio has been accepted.

### **Examples of Accepted Providers and Accrediting Bodies**

Because there are so many qualifying organizations and programs that meet the criteria set forth by CBIC for continuing education, the examples below are only a snapshot of a few accepted programs or providers. Certificants are expected to use their best



judgement when evaluating continuing education activities and deciding if an activity can be used for IPU.

- Regional or provincial health departments, such as Public Health Ontario, SEHA, or the Department of Health – Abu Dhabi
- Providers approved or licensed by regional accrediting or licensing bodies, such as the Saudi Commission for Health Specialties
- Providers accredited by international accrediting organizations, such as European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME) or the Saudi Central Board for Accreditation of Healthcare Institutions (CBAHI)

For questions or concerns regarding international organization and activity requirements for IPU, please contact the CBIC staff at [info@cbic.org](mailto:info@cbic.org).