

TO: CCDC I Professionals and Licensure Applicants  
FROM: Robert C. Field, Executive Director  
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SUBJECT: Elimination of the CPM Oral Examination

Earlier this year the International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC) began taking steps to eliminate the CPM Oral Examination from its credentialing requirements for reciprocity. As many of you know, the oral exam currently tests competency in the Twelve Core Functions & Global Criteria and is used in Ohio for licensing at the LCDC II, LCDC III and LICDC levels. In place of the CPM Oral Examination the IC&RC will create a new AODA Written Examination. This new written examination will continue to test knowledge in the relevant AODA domains and will also test competency in the Twelve Core Functions & Global Criteria. At the fall 2007 IC&RC Board of Directors Meeting the IC&RC announced plans to have the new AODA Written Examination available on March 14 or June 13 of 2008.

This change in testing directly affects the pursuit of licensure for all CCDC I professionals and applicants for licensure. The OCDP Board plans to discontinue the use of the CPM Oral Examination in conjunction with IC&RC's implementation of the new AODA Written Examination. **In order to become an LCDC II, LCDC III or LICDC individuals who have passed the current written examination but have yet to pass the oral examination will need to either pass the oral examination before it is eliminated or take the new written examination.** It is recommended that individuals who wish to take the oral examination do so before March 1, 2008. Individuals who would rather take the new written examination may simply wait for further notification of availability of this new exam in either March or June of 2008.

**CCDC I professionals should keep in mind the CCDC I elimination deadline of 12/23/08 and be certain that they pass the oral exam or the new written exam prior to this elimination.** The oral exams will continue to be offered as frequently as possible until the new written exam is available. The written exam schedule for 2008 is March 14, June 13, Sept 12 and Dec 12. If the new written exam is implemented in March, CCDC I professionals will have three written testing opportunities prior to the CCDC I elimination. If implementation occurs in June, two written testing opportunities will be available. The Dec 12<sup>th</sup> examination will not be an option for CCDC I professionals wishing to receive their license before the elimination deadline as scores will not arrive in time for the 12/23/08 elimination date. CCDC I professionals will still be permitted to convert to the CDCA and then can continue to take the written examination in December 2008 or beyond to receive their license.

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