



Certificate of Competency in Problem Gambling

Application

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Certificates of attendance for trainings must be included with the application.
- Application fee of \$100 is non-refundable and may be paid by check/ money order (payable to RICB) or with VISA, MasterCard or Discover. If an employer or organization is covering the cost of your application fee, they must include the applicants name with the payment. Failure to include the applicants name will result in delay in approval of the application.
- The Certificate of Competency in Problem Gambling is not a credential but rather a certificate indicating the completion of training requirements. The specialty endorsement can be obtained at any time once the training requirement is met.
- If there are any problems with the application, you will be notified by email. Applications are open for a period of one year after the date of review. If an applicant fails to fulfill all certifications requirements within that year, the application will be closed, and no refund will be issued.

Keep a photocopy of the entire application.

TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION, CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

Mail:

RICB
298 S. Progress Avenue
Harrisburg, PA 17109

Email:

info@ricertboard.org

Fax:

717-540-4458

Please allow 5-10 business days for review and processing of your application.

To confirm receipt of your application or check on the status you must email info@ricertboard.org.

REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY IN PROBLEM GAMBLING

KNOWLEDGE AREAS:

1. Knowledge of gambling, problem gambling and pathological gambling: treatment and rehabilitation/recovery, understanding the history, prevalence and social impact of gambling in the US as well as the significant literature in the field;
2. Understanding the history and theoretical basis for treatment of pathological/problem gamblers, as well as familiarity with current research in the field;
3. The effect of problem/pathological gambling on the gambler personally, interpersonally, financially, as well as management of the disorder and the recovery process;
4. Knowledge of sociocultural values and attitude systems related to finances, pathological/problem gambling and spiritual concerns;
5. Knowledge of effective medical, psychological, social service and spiritual management of pathological/problem gamblers, as well as the recovery process;
6. Knowledge of sociocultural values and effective medical, psychological, social service and spiritual management of the family of the pathological/problem gambler;
7. Knowledge of the effect of pathological/problem gambling on occupational and legal concerns;
8. Knowledge of pathological and problem gambling;
9. Knowledge of stages of change theory with problem and pathological gamblers and families;
10. Knowledge of the steps, traditions and philosophy of Gamblers Anonymous, its relation to various treatments and the programs of Gam-Anon and Gam-A-Teen.

PREREQUISITE CERTIFICATION/LICENSE: Applicants must hold a certification through RICB or a health care practitioner license. The certification and license must be active and in good standing. To renew the endorsement, the prerequisite certification or license must be renewed.

- Professionals certified with RICB will receive the designation on their certificate. The endorsement will have the same expiration date of their credential.
- Professionals who are licensed by another agency will be required to submit proof of their license and will be issued documentation from RICB indicating their specialty endorsement. The endorsement will have the same expiration date of their license.

EDUCATION: 30 hours of approved gambling specific education as defined in the Gambling Knowledge Areas.

Education is defined as formal, structured instruction in the form of workshops, seminars, institutes, in-services, college/university credit courses and RICB approved distance education. Education, as defined above, applicant provides to others may also be used providing it is verified in writing by sponsoring school or agency.

FEE: \$100 (*fee must accompany application and materials*)

ENDORSEMENT TIME PERIOD

The Certificate of Competency in Problem Gambling expiration date will match the expiration date of the qualifying certification or license. Two dates, date of issue and valid through, will appear on the certificate along with a certification number.

RECERTIFICATION

To maintain the high standards of this professional practice and to assure continuing awareness of new knowledge in the field, RICB requires recertification of the Certificate of Competency in Problem Gambling.

To recertify the Certificate of Competency in Problem Gambling an individual must:

1. Hold a current and valid prerequisite certification or license;

2. Submit the appropriate number of approved education hours for their qualifying credential and include six hours of approved relevant education. If the applicant does not hold a credential through RICB, only the six hours of relevant education is required to be submitted.
3. Complete an application and pay the recertification fee.

LAPSED CERTIFICATION

The completed recertification application should be received at RICB prior to the expiration date. If the application is incomplete, applicant will be notified by email.

There is no grace period. The Certificate of Competency in Problem Gambling will lapse if the qualifying certification or license is not renewed by the expiration date. All professionals should review the recertification application well in advance of the expiration date. A Reinstatement Fee is due if the recertification is late between one day and 12 months. After 12 months, no recertification is possible and applicant would have to reapply for the credential, meeting all current requirements.

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Form can be completed and saved. You may then print the appropriate pages to submit to RICB.

Date: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Name: _____ SSN: _____

Please print your name as it should appear on your certificate. Credentials and degrees will not be printed with your name on your certificate.

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Email: _____

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION:

Position/Title: _____ Employer: _____

Employer City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Work Phone: _____ Ext: _____

Have you ever received any disciplinary action from another certification or licensing authority?

If yes, provide full details on a separate sheet. Yes No

What is your highest level of education completed? * High school diploma/GED Associate's degree Bachelor's degree Master's degree Doctoral degree

**If this has changed since you have originally applied to RICB and you would like your file updated, you must supply official transcripts to RICB.*

Race (check all that apply): American Indian or Alaska Native Black or African American Asian Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander Latino Hispanic Caucasian
 Other: _____

Payment (circle one): Check Money Order VISA MasterCard Discover

Checks & Money Orders made payable to RICB

Number: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

3-digit code: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Name on Card: _____

Billing address: _____

(If different than Home Address)

Email address for receipt: _____