



CRCC LAUNCHES STREAMLINED APPLICATION PROCESS AND COMPUTER-BASED TESTING

The Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification (CRCC) is launching two major initiatives related to the Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC) certification examination:

- Computer-based testing, starting with the fall 2008 test cycle, which will include greater flexibility and increased opportunities to take the certification examination.
- Improved, streamlined application process, with fewer steps and a shorter length of time from start to finish.

The new application process is now in effect for the upcoming fall 2008 examination. Those wishing to sit for the fall certification examination must submit a **completed application packet no later than May 15, 2008**. Testing dates are October 3-11, 2008, with examination results expected to be mailed around November 17, 2008.

The improvements in the application process were implemented in response to the CRCC's market survey and feedback from applicants and certificants. The Commission believes these improvements will enhance the applicant experience, making the application process more "user friendly." The improvements include:

- Fewer steps involved in applying to sit for the CRC certification examination
- Entire application packet—including fillable forms—available online, allowing applicants to download and print from the CRCC website all the necessary forms and the application
- Shortened process from beginning to end, with one submission of a complete application packet

With the new streamlined process, applicants will be able to compile all required information and documentation as described in the application instructions available on the CRCC website, and then submit a complete application and fees by mail. Once eligibility is confirmed, the applicant would be able to schedule a time to take the certification examination at one of more than 300 test sites.

Applicants must be sure to mail in a **complete** application packet, as instructions indicate. Otherwise, the application will be incomplete and eligibility to sit for the examination will not be determinable.

Complete materials regarding the application process, including the CRC Certification Guide, Application Instructions, the CRC Application and all forms are available online at <http://www.crccertification.com/pages/10certification.html>.

Although there are fee increases associated with the transition to computer-based testing, the CRCC has offset some of these costs with the efficiencies gained in streamlining the application process and strongly believes that applicants will derive much benefit from the overall improvements in the streamlined application process and the new computer-based testing.

Computer-based testing offers many advantages to applicants, including increased frequency and greater flexibility. With computer-based testing, the examination will be available over the course of three, eight-day periods a year, instead of the current offering of two days a year. The computer-based test will be three-and-a-half hours in length, shortened from the current six-hour format. (Test developer Prometric has determined that, although the examination has been shortened, neither the validity nor the reliability has been compromised.) Another benefit is that test results will be available in less than one month, instead of the current two-month waiting period.

For more information, please see our FAQs at <http://www.crccertification.com/pages/10certification.html>. If you have specific questions that are not addressed in the documents posted on the CRCC website, you may send an email to info@crccertification.com.

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