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AMERICAN VETERINARY CHIROPRACTIC ASSOCIATION

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding ACCC/AVCA Recertification

If a recertification application is not received, on or before December 31:

1. Doctor's certification status changes from "Active" to "Inactive" on January 1st
2. Doctor has the six (6) month period following the December 31st deadline (January 1 – June 30) to acquire the needed CEU's. A late filing fee applies.
3. After June 30, certification status changes from "Inactive" to "Expired".

A doctor whose certification has expired may recertify by auditing an integrated module of any post-graduate animal chiropractic program that is approved by the AVCA, then sitting and passing the current [ACCC/AVCA practical examination](#).

Frequently asked questions/circumstances:

1. *Why am I receiving this notice? I have completed the required recertification credits.*
A completed recertification application with requested documentation and renewal fee has not been received in the office. [Recertification Application](#) is available to print from the Forms page of the association web site.
2. *You have completed the required recertification credits; what do you do next?*
Complete and return [Recertification Application](#) with requested documentation.
3. *You have attended approved seminars but are unsure you have enough AVCA traditional CE hours.*
Check the attendance certificates or verification letters received from seminars attended. AVCA approved seminar attendance verification documents are to include the AVCA Program Number and list the number of approved traditional hours. Use this to determine the number of traditional hours to complete the [Recertification Application](#).
Question about what seminars were approved during the 3 year renewal period? Call the AVCA office 918-784-2231.
4. *You will not be able to acquire approved CE hours by June 30th. What are your options?*
An AVCA Conference extension for attending the next AVCA Annual Conference to fulfill approved traditional CE hour requirement can be requested, or, please contact the AVCA for further information and fulfillment opportunities.
5. *Extraordinary circumstances are handled on an individual basis.* Please contact the AVCA office.

6. *What if I no longer hold a professional license?*

If you no longer hold a veterinary medical or chiropractic physician professional license, you may not recertify.

In order to be ACCC/AVCA certified, a doctor must hold a current license/registration in the state/province in which they practice animal chiropractic, and practice under the rules and regulations of that state/provincial regulatory body.

7. *Why ACCC/AVCA Certification? We encourage you to consider the following:*

Certification is a voluntary process by which a non-government entity grants a time-limited recognition and use of a credential to an individual verifying that he/she has met predetermined and standardized criteria. It is distinct from licensure in that it is voluntary and requires recertification to maintain the credential.

Earning certification from the Animal Chiropractic Certification Commission (ACCC) of the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association (AVCA) represents a significant professional achievement and makes an important statement about professional competence that is recognized by the profession, the public and some regulatory bodies.

ACCC/AVCA certification establishes and promotes professional accountability and visibility: increases referrals by identifying those professionals who have met specific standards of knowledge and experience; encourages continued professional growth and development; and is the primary national credential for this field in North America.

8. *What is my certification status?*

A doctor's certification status moves from "active" to 'inactive' on January 1, the day after due date of December 31,

Status moves to "expired" on July 1, the day after the June 30 deadline of extension period.

9. *My certification is expired; how can I re-instate my certification?*

A doctor whose certification has expired may re-certify by completing the following:

- Audit an AVCA approved basic animal chiropractic program Integrated module (minimum of 20 hours).

Apply to [sit the ACCC clinical \(practical\) examination](#) within 1 year of auditing the Integrated module.

- Sit and [pass the ACCC clinical \(practical\) examination](#) within 1 year of auditing the Integrated module.

For further questions, please contact the ACCC/AVCA office:

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