

Crime Scene Certification Board Response to The Covid-19 Emergency

Because of the ongoing health emergency restrictions imposed due to the Covid-19 pandemic, many crime scene professionals have had difficulty obtaining the requisite continuing education and professional development (CE/PD) credits needed for maintaining their certifications. In-person training has been restricted and conferences have been cancelled.

The Crime Scene Certification Board has had a long-standing policy of not accepting online training. Because of the unprecedented nature of the pandemic, we have voted to temporarily suspend this prohibition.

Effective immediately; the CSCB will accept online training for **recertification** CE/PD credits, under the following conditions.

- The online classes must have been submitted by the instructor or facilitating company to the CSCB for review and preapproved prior to the start of class.
- Classes must be “live remote” instruction such that students may ask questions during the class.
- The training proposal submitted to the Board must include a mechanism for evaluating student participation. The student must be actively engaged during the course.
- Online courses will receive one (1) CE/PD credit per four (4) hours of class.
- Participation in online courses may count to a maximum of 40% of the CE/PD credits necessary for recertification; i.e. no more than 32 CE/PD credits.
- The Crime Scene Certification Board will evaluate this policy periodically. If it is determined that accepting online training for credit is no longer necessary or appropriate, the CSCB will set a date after which such training will no longer be accepted.
- After consideration, the Crime Scene Certification Board voted to continue its prohibition on accepting online training for **initial certification**.

Thank you for your interest in the International Association for Identification, and the Crime Scene Certification program.

Stay safe and keep up the good work.