



**IBHRE Eligibility Requirements Policy: Certification Examination for Competency
in Cardiac Rhythm Device Therapy for the Allied Professional**

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to articulate and define the standard eligibility requirement held by the International Board of Heart Rhythm Examiners (IBHRE) in order to qualify for the above stated certification exams and the documentation required from candidates in order to prove eligibility.

Policy:

Applicants for the Cardiac Rhythm Device Therapy Examination for the Allied Professional must demonstrate that they are actively involved in the practice of heart rhythm management and that they have:

- a. Successfully completed a formal comprehensive training program in electrophysiology that facilitates a minimum of 6 months didactic training and exposure to the field.
OR
- b. Successfully completed the Registered Cardiac Electrophysiology Specialist (RCES) or Registered Cardiovascular Invasive Specialist (RCIS) examinations, or an equivalent examination, and a minimum of 12 months of clinical experience in cardiac pacing or electrophysiology with direct exposure to patient cases.
OR
- c. Have a minimum of two years of experience in the field of cardiac pacing or electrophysiology with direct exposure to patient cases in the clinical or industry setting or exposure to technical cases in the industry setting.

Required Documentation:

Upon submitting an application for the exam, all candidates must provide appropriate documentation as evidence of the candidate's eligibility:

- Applicants must include at least **one letter of recommendation from a supervisor, employer or colleague with their exam application.**
- Letters of recommendation must verify that that the candidate is currently working in the field of cardiac rhythm management, the duration of involvement in the field, or has worked in the field within the past two years.
- References are considered valid as of the day they are written and do not need to reflect or confirm a candidate's current or future employment situation.

- Accepted training programs for allied professional applicants include, without being limited to, Arrhythmia Technologies Institute, Prep MD and Cardiac Electrophysiology Institute of Australia.

IBHRE reserves the right to independently verify the licenses, credentials and employment status of all examination candidates. The candidate's signature on his or her Examination Application duly authorizes IBHRE to conduct such independent verification.

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