



IBLCE[®]

International Board of
Lactation Consultant Examiners

IBCLC[®] Certification Eligibility Updates

BEGINNING
IN
2021

▶ Beginning with the April 2021 examination administration and going forward, five (5) hours of education focused on **communication skills** will be required in addition to the 90 hours of lactation specific education.

BEGINNING
IN
2022

▶ Clinical hours earned through IBLCE **Recognised Breastfeeding Support Counsellor Organisations** will be counted on an **hour-per-hour basis**. Flat-rate hours can no longer be earned. (Flat-rate hours earned in 2021 and before will be accepted.)

IBCLC Recertification Updates

BEGINNING
IN
2021

▶ For IBCLCs recertifying in 2021 and beyond, IBLCE will require **250 hours of practise** (full- or part-time; volunteer or paid) during the five-year recertification cycle in lactation consulting in the area(s) of clinical practise, education, administration, research and/or advocacy.

▶ For IBCLCs recertifying in 2021 and beyond, IBLCE will require **basic life support education** in each five-year certification period (for example, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) or Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP)).

▶ IBLCE will introduce a **Retired Status** (for IBCLCs who will no longer practise) and an **Inactive Status** (for active IBCLCs who are unable to recertify in the year they are due but intend to earn the certification again within one year).

BEGINNING
IN
2022

▶ For IBCLCs recertifying in 2022 and beyond, the IBCLC examination will remain an **OPTION** for recertification but will no longer be a **REQUIREMENT**. A **self-assessment and focused continuing education** will be an option in lieu of examination at each five-year recertification period.

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