AHIMA International Certification FAQs

Certification Exams
Q: What AHIMA certification exams are available to take outside the United States?
A: CCA, CCS, CCS-P, CDIP, and CHDA

Q: Where are the International testing locations for the AHIMA certifications?
A: There are testing locations all over the world. Find your nearest location here: https://home.pearsonvue.com/ahima

Q: I’ve submitted my application for an AHIMA certification and it’s been several weeks and I haven’t received an Authorization to Test (ATT) letter yet. Who do I reach out to?
A: If you haven’t received your ATT letter via email within 5 business days of application submission, please contact Certification@ahima.org.

Q: What are the international testing dates for 2020?
A: The AHIMA certification exams are only offered outside the U.S. at specific times during the year. Applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. The exam dates for 2020 are:
- February 1-29, 2020
- April 1-30, 2020
- July 1-31, 2020
- October 15-November 30, 2020

Q: Does my name have to match what is listed on my ATT letter?
A: First and last name must match what is listed on your primary and secondary identification. You can contact info@ahima.org if the name needs to be updated.

Q: If I fail the exam, how long do I have to wait to retake it?
A: The waiting to retest period for International candidates is 165 days. You can complete an online application at https://my.ahima.org/certification/getcertified

Q: Can I test at any location?
A: You can only test in the country that you have residence in.

Q: How do I submit an exam application?
A: You can complete an online application at https://my.ahima.org/certification/getcertified
Credential Maintenance

Q: How many CEUs are required to maintain a credential?
A: Each credential has its own maintenance requirement. Refer to the Recertification Guide for details.

Q: What activities qualify as CEUs.
A: Refer to the Recertification Guide for details.

Q: How do I submit my CEUs.
A: To submit CEUs, log into your MY AHIMA account at https://my.ahima.org/login?return=%2faccount, go to your CEU center. Here’s a video that shows you how to submit CEUs: https://player.vimeo.com/video/214727012

Coding Courses

Q: What courses would you recommend to learn medical coding?
A: We recommend the following AHIMA online courses:

- Basic CPT Coding, Part 1
- Basic CPT Coding, Part 2
- Basic ICD Coding, Part 1
- Basic ICD Coding, Part 2
- Professional Coding Practice
- Reimbursement Methodology
- Computer Basics in Healthcare
- Healthcare Data Content and Structure
- Healthcare Delivery Systems

Completing this coursework would prepare you for an entry-level credential. We recommend the AHIMA Certified Coding Associate (CCA) credential.