

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.