

# CCS & CCS-P EXAM ELIGIBILITY FAQ'S

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- 1. If I take my exam before December 31, 2012 and do not pass will I have to comply with the new eligibility requirements when I retest?**  
Yes, all candidates are required to comply with the new eligibility criteria if he or she reapplies on or after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013.
- 2. Can I apply to take the exam prior to December 31, 2012 while I am in a retest period?**  
Yes, if you apply for your exam prior to December 31, 2012 you will be held to the current eligibility requirements. Again, if you apply on or after January 1, 2013 you will be held to the new eligibility requirements.
- 3. What types of training programs are acceptable under the education criteria for the new eligibility criteria?**  
Any coding training programs that include anatomy & physiology, pathophysiology, pharmacology, medical terminology, reimbursement methodology, intermediate/advanced ICD diagnostic/procedural and CPT coding are acceptable.
- 4. What do you consider years of experience directly applying codes?**  
Candidates must have the determined number years of experience applying codes directly from medical records. Please refer to the domains 2 & 3 and corresponding tasks located on the exam content outline.
- 5. Does the AHIMA coding basics program qualify under the education requirement for the CCS and CCS-P exam?**  
No. After additional review of the AHIMA coding basic curriculum, it has been determined that this program does not meet all the eligibility requirements.
- 6. What if my education or non-coding medical credential(s) cover most of the required subject areas, will I be eligible to sit for the CCS or CCS-P exam?**  
No. All CCS and CCS-P candidates must fulfill **ALL** requirements noted under the education criteria.
- 7. Is there a pre-determined time frame when the education or experience had to be completed?**  
No, candidates are eligible if they meet the education or years of experience criteria.
- 8. How do I prove I meet the eligibility requirements?**  
Candidates are required to check an attestation on the online/paper applications that state they meet one of the eligibility requirements presented. Additionally, candidates check or sign on the online/paper applications the statement of understanding that states candidates have not provided any false information.  
  
In the event your application is audited, you will need to submit supporting documentation as proof that you meet the eligibility requirements.
- 9. What if my application was mailed and it is not received before December 31, 2012? Will I still be able to test with the current eligibility criteria?**  
Yes. Applications will have to be post marked with a date no later than December 31, 2012.

For any questions regarding the CCA, CCS, or CCS-P changes, please contact us by [submitting a customer support request](#) .