

# ICD-10-CM/PCS Trainer FAQs

## Live-streaming–October 28-30, 2019

**Q:** Do you have to be present during the live streaming event?

**A:** Yes, as a live-streaming attendee, you are expected to be present during the hours of the live event – 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m. (M), 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. (T), and 8:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. (W) CST. Live-streaming attendees can see the instructors teaching the event in real-time and have a dedicated instructor available to them to answer questions.

**Q:** What are the technical requirements for live streaming?

**A:** A high-speed internet connection and speakers/headphones are necessary.

**Q:** Will there be more live streaming events besides the October 28–30 workshop?

**A:** Yes, more live streaming ICD-10 Trainer Academies will take place in 2020.

## ICD-10-CM/PCS Trainer Academy 2.0

**Q:** How long will I have access to the pre-academy online course?

**A:** The online course accessible for 365 days from the date of purchase.

**Q:** When will I receive the three books included with the Academy?

**A:** Books will be shipped immediately upon order.

**Q:** Do I need to bring any books to the Academy?

**A:** You must bring your *Coder Training Manual* to the event; code books or coding software are optional. 2020 CM and PCS code books are available for use at the event if you choose not to bring your own. You may not write in these books.

**Q:** Can I bring my laptop to the Academy to utilize an encoder?

**A:** Yes, you may bring your personal laptop to the Academy. It is highly encouraged that you bring a laptop to the Academy for several of the exercises.

**Q:** What are the eligibility requirements to attend an ICD-10 Academy?

**A:** AHIMA membership; one of the following credentials: RHIA, RHIT, CCS, CCS-P, CDIP; over five years of ICD experience

**Q:** Will there be an option to obtain the ICD-10-CM Trainer designation only (excluding PCS)?

**A:** Yes, this option is coming in 2020. There will be a virtual training option for this designation.

**Q:** Is the assessment done on the final day of the ICD-10 Academy?

**A:** No, the assessment is done online after the Academy on your own schedule. You have 90 days to complete the assessment following the Academy.

**Q:** What are the details of the post-Academy assessment, such as number of questions, passing score, and number of attempts?

**A:** The post-Academy assessment is 100 questions and the passing score is 80 percent. You get two attempts at the assessment. If an individual fails both attempts, they will need to retake the Academy to have an opportunity to take the assessment again.

## ICD-10 Trainer Renewal

### Trainer Renewal links:

- ICD-10-CM Renewal: <https://my.ahima.org/store/product?id=65988>
- ICD-10-CM/PCS Renewal: <https://my.ahima.org/store/product?id=65989>

**Q:** When can current trainers renew their certificate for 2020?

**A:** The renewal process begins October 1, 2019 and continues through December 31, 2019.

**Q:** How much does it cost to renew the ICD-10 trainer designation each year?

**A:** The annual renewal fee is \$200 for members, \$190 for premier members, and \$240 for non-members.

**Q:** What is included in the renewal?

**A:** The renewal consists of four parts:

1. Educational webinar with the updates from the 2020 ICD-10-CM/PCS Trainer Academy 2.0, which includes a new section covering ICD-11, CDI, mapping, auditing, and computer-assisted coding (CAC). FY 2020 code update webinars are also included.
2. Required assessment to test your knowledge on the content covered in the webinar.
3. Updated trainer certificate with an expiration date of December 31, 2020.
4. Downloadable trainer resources, including the new 2020 ICD-10-CM/PCS Coder Training Manual and instructor slide decks.

**Q:** Why is this called the 2020 ICD-10 Trainer renewal when last year's was 2018?

**A:** Since our ICD-10 Trainer certificates now expire at the end of the calendar year, we have updated the titling of these renewal products to coincide with the appropriate year.

**Q:** The new ICD-10 trainer requirements state that you must be an AHIMA member and have an AHIMA credential (RHIA, RHIT, CCS, CCS-P, or CDIP). When I received my ICD-10 Trainer status (between 2009-2016) I did not have to be a member nor have a specific AHIMA credential. Do I have to become a member and obtain one of these credentials to renew for 2020?

**A:** No. ICD-10 trainer renewals are “grandfathered” in under the original requirements and you do not need to meet the new requirements. However, if you were to let your trainer designation lapse and need to reinstate, you must meet the current requirements for reinstatement.

## ICD-10 Trainer Reinstatement

### Trainer Reinstatement links:

- ICD-10-CM Reinstatement: <https://my.ahima.org/store/product?id=65990>
- ICD-10-CM/PCS Reinstatement: <https://my.ahima.org/store/product?id=65991>

**Q:** When can previous trainers reinstate their certificate for 2020?

**A:** The reinstatement process begins October 1, 2019 and continues through September 30, 2020.

**Q:** How much does it cost to reinstate the ICD-10 trainer designation?

**A:** The one-time reinstatement fee is \$450, then the annual renewal to maintain your trainer designation is \$200.

**Q:** What is included in the reinstatement?

**A:** The reinstatement consists of four parts:

1. Educational webinar with the updates from the 2020 ICD-10-CM/PCS Trainer Academy 2.0, which includes a new section covering ICD-11, CDI, mapping, auditing, and computer-assisted coding (CAC). FY 2020 code updates are also included.
2. Required assessment to test your knowledge on the content covered in the webinar.
3. Updated trainer certificate with an expiration date of December 31, 2020.
4. Downloadable trainer resources, including the new 2020 ICD-10-CM/PCS Coder Training Manual and instructor slide decks.

**Q:** For many years AHIMA didn’t allow anyone to reinstate their trainer designation after they let it lapse. Why is it allowed to reinstate now?

**A:** AHIMA is releasing the 2.0 version of the ICD-10-CM/PCS Trainer Academy in October 2019 and we wanted to provide previous trainers with the opportunity to reinstate their designation without having to attend the full three-day Academy again. The reinstatement fee is a much lower cost than the cost of attending the full Academy. However, anyone who meets the eligibility requirements is welcome to attend the new Academies, which will include a multitude of new content.

**Q:** What are the eligibility requirements to reinstate my ICD-10 trainer designation after I let it lapse?

**A:** AHIMA membership and one of the following credentials: RHIA, RHIT, CCS, CCS-P, CDIP.

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