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# Recertification Assessment Program

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In 2012, ARDMS will launch a recertification assessment program and all ARDMS credentials will be valid for 10 years. The recertification assessment program, along with the annual renewal fee and CME requirements, will constitute the three obligations ARDMS Registrants must meet to maintain active status.

The recertification examinations will be offered beginning in 2019. The examinations will be web-based and available online for Registrants to take during the last three years of a 10-year recertification assessment period.



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## **Fast Facts About Recertification**

- **ARDMS credentials will be valid for 10 years**
- **Examinations to begin in 2019**
- **All Registrants will be assigned a 10-year period (see inside graph for details)**
- **No charge for 1st attempt for each specialty**
- **Online Examinations (not at a testing center)**
- **Open book/resource**
- **Specialty content only, no general physics**
- **Approximately 50 questions**
- **Required standard for ARDMS organizational accreditation**



**For more information about the Recertification Assessment Program, visit and bookmark [ARDMS.org/Recertification](http://ARDMS.org/Recertification).**

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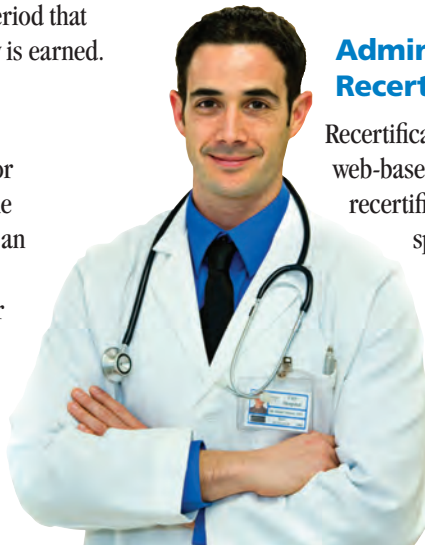


### For Current Registrants

Each Registrant who holds an active ARDMS certification as of December 31, 2011, will be assigned the 2012 – 2021 10-year recertification assessment period (see graph). If a Registrant earns a new credential or specialty after January 1, 2012, then that credential/specialty will have a separate 10-year recertification assessment period that will begin the year after the credential/specialty is earned.

### New Registrants (certified after 1/1/2012)

The 10-year recertification assessment period for first-time Registrants will begin the year after the credential is earned. If a Registrant later earns an additional credential/specialty, then that new credential/specialty will have a separate 10-year recertification assessment period beginning the year after the credential/specialty is earned.



### Recertification Assessment by Specialty Area

Registrants will be required to take a recertification examination for each specialty area in which they hold active status. Registrants do not have to take a separate Principles and Instrumentation recertification examination.

### Administration of the Recertification Examinations

Recertification examinations will be web-based, and Registrants will take the recertification examinations online. Each specialty recertification examination will have approximately 50 questions. Registrants will have ample time to take and pass the examinations.

### Study & Reference Materials for the Recertification Examinations

ARDMS publishes content outlines for all specialty examinations ([www.ARDMS.org/outlines](http://www.ARDMS.org/outlines)). The same outlines will be used for the recertification specialty examinations. Registrants may consult reference materials while taking the examinations. In addition, sonography organizations and continuing medical education providers will develop study materials and resources.

### Cost and Number of Recertification Examination Attempts

Registrants will have three opportunities to take and pass the recertification examination(s) for each specialty area. There will be no charge for Registrants who pass the recertification examination(s) on the first attempt. Fees for the second and third attempts have not been determined. Registrants who are unable to pass a specialty recertification examination in three attempts will lose their certification in that specialty. Policies and procedures for regaining a specialty are still being developed.

### Voluntarily Relinquishing a Credential/Specialty

Registrants who do not wish to take a recertification examination in a specific credential/specialty may voluntarily relinquish that specialty. Policies and procedures for voluntarily relinquishing a credential/specialty are still being developed.



2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Recertification examinations will not be offered during the first seven years of the 10-year recertification assessment period. Registrants will not have to take any action during this timeframe. Registrants may take their recertification examination(s) between the seventh and tenth years of a 10-year recertification assessment period. All recertification examinations must be completed by the end of the tenth year.							During the last three years of a 10-year recertification assessment period, Registrants will be required to take and pass a recertification assessment for each specialty.		

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ARDMS promotes quality care and patient safety through the certification and continuing competency of ultrasound professionals.

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