

Exciting News—New Vocational Evaluation Credential/Certification!



On October 15, 2019, during the recent VECAP National Issues Forum on Vocational Evaluation and Assessment, VECAP signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Canadian College of Vocational Rehabilitation Professionals (CVRP) and the Canadian Assessment, Vocational Evaluation, and Work Adjustment Society (CAVEWAS) to provide new credentialing for vocational evaluators.

The credential will be known as the International Certified Vocational Evaluator (ICVE), which is based upon the Canadian CVE and is historically similar to the American CVE, which although no longer available is maintained by the Commission on Certification of Rehabilitation Counseling (CCRC).

The Board President for the CVRP, Sean Fitzgerald, the President of CAVEWAS, Marg Smith, and the President of VECAP, Pam Leconte officially signed the MOU providing the ICVE certification option for vocational evaluators. This represents the first new VE certification for evaluators since 2008. (The Registry for Professional Vocational Evaluators was never designed as a formal credential, but thankfully filled a gap for professionals needing acknowledgement of their expertise to employers.)

Evaluators who hold the U.S. CVE may retain this certification as the Executive Director of CCRC has assured us that the commission is committed to continuing the CVE for those who have maintained it through on-going continuing education.

The CVRP expects to open the ICVE application process in three phases. The first phase opens November 1, 2019 and closes October 31, 2020. Evaluators who are currently members in good standing as CVEs through CRCC may apply for the ICVE without having to take the examination. The same is true for evaluators who have had their CVEs lapse within the last five years who have kept up with continuing education; this group will have to show evidence of continuing education with an average of 20 CEUs per year; they will not have to take the exam.

The second phase will include current PVEs (from the RPVE) in good standing. We are waiting to hear when this phase will begin. PVEs must submit two redacted reports for review and upon approval of the reports will be permitted to sit for the exam.

The third phase will allow others who work as vocational evaluators to apply who meet the requirements, details of which will be forthcoming.

We realize you will have questions about how the ICVE process will work for you. Shortly, after the CVRP reviews details of the process, we will share more specific information—this should occur within the next few weeks. If you can hold your questions at this time, we promise to send more comprehensive information as soon as we can