



International Economic Development Council

Certified Economic Developer (CEcD) Recertification

CEcD Recertification Requirements

Recertification is required every three years and is based on practitioner-focused professional development completed after initial certification. Professional development may come from a variety of sources; however, attendance at a minimum of two IEDC events within each three-year recertification cycle is required.

CEcDs are expected to participate in economic development-related meetings, conferences, and events. Eligible activities may include attendance at accredited state or regional economic development organization meetings, as well as events hosted by other national organizations related to economic development.

While professional development activities outside of IEDC will be recognized, IEDC events are required and will be weighted more heavily than non-IEDC activities.

Demonstration of Continued Economic Development Experience

The CEcD will document their continuing education activities completed during the three-year recertification cycle. These activities are categorized into three levels (Level I, Level II, and Level III), each carrying a different point value and required minimum.

Ethics Workshop

During each three-year recertification cycle, CEcDs must complete the IEDC Economic Development Ethics Workshop. This requirement may be fulfilled through the virtual offering or by attending the workshop in person at the Leadership Summit or Annual Conference.

CEcD Recertification Fee

Recertification requires submission of a non-refundable fee to complete the renewal process and move into the next recertification cycle. The recertification fee is based on IEDC membership status, with members paying \$385 and non-members paying \$570.

Résumé Submittal

The applicant must complete the application in full and submit a copy of their résumé demonstrating continued work in economic development over the past three years.

Notice of Application Approval

Applicants who meet IEDC recertification requirements will receive notification of recertification. Applicants whose applications are denied will be notified of the reason(s) for the denial.

Professional Development Certification Committee

IEDC has established a Certification Committee to oversee the certification program. All concerns related to certification will be reviewed by the Certification Committee.

CEcD Emeritus Status

The Certified Economic Developer (CEcD) Emeritus status was established by IEDC to provide lifetime recognition to Certified Economic Developers who have entered retirement but wish to maintain their connection to IEDC and the economic development profession. CEcD Emeritus status is available only to retired economic developers who held the CEcD designation at the time of retirement.

Required Recertification Activities

A total of 12 points is required for recertification. Of these, a minimum of 6 points must be earned through Level I activities and 2 points through Level II activities. An expanded list of qualifying activities for each level is provided below.

Level One – IEDC Activities

Earn 3 credits for any one of the following. A maximum of **9 Level I credits** may be applied toward recertification. A minimum of **6 Level I credits** is required at time of recertification.

- Attendance at an IEDC annual or technical conference
- Attendance at an IEDC training course
- Completion of IEDC Certificate Program
- Facilitation or instruction of an IEDC training course
- Participation in:
 - IEDC Economic Recovery Volunteer Program
 - Accredited Economic Development Organization (AEDO) site visit

Level Two – National and Regional Activities

Earn 2 credits for any one of the following. A maximum of **8 Level II credits** may be applied toward recertification. A minimum of **2 Level II credits** is required at time of recertification

- Speaking at an IEDC conference
- Attendance during a week of the Economic Development Institute (EDI) or at an EDI advance symposia course
- Participation in a minimum of three (3) IEDC web seminars and/or pre/post-conference seminars
- Attendance at a professional training held by The Council for Community and Economic Research (C2ER), GrowAmerica, Society of Industrial & Office Realtors (SIOR), Economic Development Administration (EDA), European Association of Development Agencies (EURADA), An Association of Defense Communities (NAID/ADC), International Council of Shopping Centers, Economic Development University, ICMA
- Attendance at approved national/provincial organization professional training, per submission and approval of application
- Instructor at a Basic Economic Development Course, Economic Development Institute, a semester course or equivalent
- Publication of an article in IEDC's Economic Development Journal
- Serve as a grader/proctor for the CEcD exam
- Participation in IEDC's Excellence in Economic Development Awards judging

Level Three – Regional, State and Local Activities

Earn **1 Level III activity credit** for any one of the following. A maximum of **4 Level III activity credits** may be applied toward recertification.

- Speaking at a state or regional economic development membership organization conference
- Publication of an article which represents an innovative approach to economic development
- Hold a board member/committee position (either elected or nominated) for a national, state or local economic development organization, per year
- Attendance at a recognized regional/state economic development membership organization conference
- Instruct at a CEcD exam prep course (barred from grading for 3-years)
- Participation in outside web seminars approved by IEDC - For every three (3) web seminars attended the CEcD will earn 1 point towards recertification.
- Instructor at a course or workshop approved by IEDC