CEcD Recertification Activities and Resources

Below are activities and resources that can assist you in your goal to complete your recertification.

I. Online Courses
   a. Nearly every course in 2021 is already scheduled to be online.
   b. Online courses count as a Level I activity towards recertification
   c. Register for upcoming courses on the IEDC website.

II. Webinars
   a. IEDC currently has a webinar series dedicated to “Racism in Economic Development”. This webinar series focuses on the race and justice movement currently enveloping the nation. IEDC offers recordings of previous webinars in this series, along with our COVID-19 series.
   b. Viewing three webinars, live or recorded, earn CEcDs a Level II activity credit towards recertification
   c. Register for upcoming webinars on the IEDC website

III. 2021 Leadership Summit
   a. The 2021 Leadership Summit has been moved online
   b. Attending the Leadership Summit is a Level I activity credit towards your recertification
   c. Register for the 2021 Leadership Summit

IV. Grading the Certification Exam
   a. In conjunction with the 2021 Leadership Summit, IEDC will also be moving the certification exam to a virtual platform.
   b. Grading the exam is a Level II activity towards recertification
V. Volunteer Opportunities
   a. Communities experiencing hardships through natural disasters are in need of assistance from economic developers
   b. Participating as an economic development volunteer is a Level II activity credit for recertification
   c. Register to become a volunteer on the RestoreYourEconomy.org website

VI. Become a CEcD Mentor
   a. Exam candidates often seek assistance from those who have already earned their CEcD
   b. Becoming a CEcD mentor is a Level II activity credit, however it does exclude the individual from grading the certification exam for the following two years
   c. Complete the CEcD mentor form to be matched with an exam candidate

Additional Resources

I. CEcD Inactive Status
   a. CEcDs may apply for inactive status for a period of up to three years.
   b. Reasons for applying include; Medical issues, Change in profession, Family related issues, Unemployment, or other reasons which are considered on a cases by case basis

II. Recertification Extension Request
   a. To submit an extension request, the CEcD must explain in writing why their situation should be considered for an extension
   b. To be accepted the CEcD must complete an action plan for how they
will complete the required activities and provide an approved deadline

III. Fee Hardship Request
   a. In cases when the CEcDs organization is unwilling or unable to pay for the recertification payment, the CEcD should submit in writing the reason for this.
   b. The CEcD will then be eligible to submit the recertification payment in three separate installment

IV. Activity Hardship
   a. In cases when the CEcDs organization is unwilling or unable to pay for the individual to attend courses or conferences, the CEcD should submit in writing an explanation of their situation
   b. The CEcD will then be eligible to substitute one of their required Level I activities with two Level II activities

If you have any additional questions please contact Chris Colan at Certification@iedconline.org.
Please find more information related to activities and fees on the CEcD Recertification Application.