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# CDIPC and DISIPC Recertification Requirements

Certificants who hold other certifications from DANB should reference DANB's Recertification Requirements, which can be downloaded from [www.danb.org](http://www.danb.org).

**Access your certification information at [www.danb.org](http://www.danb.org).**

- Log on at any time to check your certification status
- Review current recertification requirements
- Renew online annually
- Explore state regulations

# About CDIPC and DISIPC Certification

In 2015, the Association for Dental Safety (ADS) and the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) began discussing the need for a certification for individuals with advanced knowledge in infection control and prevention. In 2021, DANB, with the help of subject matter experts from ADS, completed the development of two certifications, the Certified in Dental Infection Prevention and Control® (CDIPC®) and the Dental Industry Specialist in Infection Prevention and Control® (DISIPC®).

The CDIPC certification and corresponding examination content was developed for all members of a dental team who perform infection prevention and control in a dental setting; supervisors and educators of those who perform prevention and control; and healthcare professionals who inspect or investigate dental settings for compliance with federal infection prevention and control guidelines and standards on behalf of government, regulatory, accrediting, or public health authorities.

The DISIPC certification and corresponding examination content was developed for dental practice managers; sales representatives, customer service personnel, service technicians and other professionals who work for the companies that manufacture or distribute products, equipment or services to the dental profession who are not healthcare professionals; as well as those who are non-healthcare professionals who investigate or inspect dental settings for compliance with federal infection prevention and control guidelines and standards on behalf of government, regulatory, accrediting, or public health authorities.

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# Recertification Requirements Purpose

DANB recognizes the dynamic and emerging roles of oral health professionals in providing quality care to patients. DANB assists certificants in meeting these ever-changing roles by requiring annual continuing education (CE) credits. DANB's objective is to provide the highest quality service to the public and profession by improving each certificant's infection control knowledge. Renewing your certification annually protects your credential and shows your commitment to the oral healthcare profession.

**Please note:** If you hold other certifications from DANB, please reference DANB's Recertification Requirements, which includes information about holding CDIPC and DISIPC plus other DANB certifications.

[Download DANB's Recertification Requirements](#)

## CE Credits and Renewal Fees

# of Certifications	CE Credits (Infection Control)	Annual Renewal Fee*
1 certification (CDIPC or DISIPC)	6	\$50
2 certifications (CDIPC and DISIPC)	12	\$75

\*\$20 late fee added after expiration date

Upon submission of your annual renewal, you agree to DANB's recertification requirements, policies, and procedures. Renewal fees are non-refundable under any circumstances.

## Renewal Process and Timeline Example



CDIPC and DISIPC certification are valid for one year. Certificants have a grace period of three months from the date of certification expiration to complete the renewal process, which includes earning CE credits and paying the renewal fee. DANB considers you certified during the grace period. If you do not renew by the end of the three-month grace period, you will no longer be certified and may not use the CDIPC or DISIPC certification marks or present yourself as holding certification in any manner.

DANB will email your renewal notice nine weeks before your certification expiration date. Visit [www.danb.org](http://www.danb.org) to renew online. You must renew annually, even if you do not receive the renewal notice.

## Earning CE Credits

All CE credits must be earned in dental infection prevention and control.

CE credits must be earned during your renewal period. Your renewal period begins the date you earned the most recent certification, which is referenced on your results letter, and ends once your three-month grace period has ended.

## Calculating CE Credits

Education must be at least 45 minutes to qualify. CE credits are calculated in 15-minute increments (e.g., 45 minutes = .75 CE credits, 1 hour = 1 CE credit).

## Approved CE Providers

Successfully complete courses, programs, or educational opportunities offered online or in person from a provider approved by:

- American Dental Association – Continuing Education Recognition Program (ADA-CERP)  
[View ADA-CERP approved providers](#)
- Academy of General Dentistry – Program Approval for Continuing Education (AGD-PACE)  
[View AGD-PACE approved providers](#)

ADS and the DALE Foundation are ADA-CERP approved providers.

## Maintaining Proof of CE Credits

Document the CE credits you have earned each year in your online DANB account. You will be required to submit proof of credits if you are selected for audit.

## Applying CE to Other DANB Certifications

Certificants who hold other DANB certifications may apply the dental infection control credits they earn for DANB certification renewal toward CDIPC or DISIPC certification renewal, as long as they meet CDIPC/DISIPC requirements. Likewise, CDIPC and DISIPC certificants who are also DANB certified may apply the dental infection control credits they earn for CDIPC or DISIPC certification toward their DANB certification renewal.

## Recertification Requirements Audit

Certificants who wish to renew their DANB certification must meet all renewal requirements and submit their renewal on time each year. When submitting a renewal, certificants attest to having met all renewal requirements for their specified renewal period. To uphold the integrity of a DANB certification, a percentage of certificants are selected for audit each year (either randomly, or at DANB-discretion) to ensure that all renewal requirements were correctly maintained.

If selected for audit, the certificant will receive an emailed notice and are prompted to submit:

1. Proof of CE credits earned during the certificant's renewal period
2. Any other documentation, as deemed necessary by DANB to validate that renewal requirements have been met

It is recommended that certificants retain all related CE documentation for two years in the event of an audit.

If a certificant is selected for audit but cannot submit the required documentation, they will be alerted via email of their deficiency. Certificants may be given additional opportunities to complete their requirements if they are within their grace period.

If a certificant is not able to submit proof of maintaining all renewal requirements by the end of their grace period, their audit will be failed, and they will no longer be DANB certified. Renewal fees are non-refundable, including in the event of a failed audit.

Upon successful completion of an audit, certificants will receive an emailed confirmation. Their renewed certificate (s) will be available in their online DANB account immediately, and they will be sent by mail within four weeks.

## Use of Certification Marks

You may use the CDIPC and/or DISIPC mark after your name (e.g., Sue Smith, CDIPC). If you have not maintained your CDIPC and/or DISIPC certification, you may no longer use the mark.

## Certification Reinstatement

If your CDIPC and/or DISIPC certification expired and you would like to reinstate, visit DANB's website or contact DANB at [recertification@danb.org](mailto:recertification@danb.org).