



2026 Recertification Checklist

Recertification Activity Accrual Period					Recertification Year
Jan 1 of Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Dec 31 of Year 5	Recertify Jan 1 – Dec 31
2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026

*If no action is taken, your credential will expire on **January 1, 2027**.*

1. Check Your Eligibility

- Currently CNOR-certified
- Hold current, unrestricted RN license
- Currently working full- or part-time in perioperative nursing
- Have worked a minimum of 500 hours in perioperative nursing between January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2025

Note: If you hold a [CNOR Specialty Designation](#), you will not be required to pay an additional fee, but you must meet the recertification requirements for your designation(s) and submit a separate application. Please refer to the [CNOR Specialty Designation Recertification](#) page of the CCI website for more information.

2. Validate Continued Competency

- Accrue 300 points between January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2025.
 - All required points can be earned free of charge through the CCI store: www.cc-institute.org/free-points
 - For more information on points activities, please see the [CNOR Handbook](#).
- Log the points earned into your [CCI account](#). You may log activities at any time.

If you were originally due for recertification in 2025 and extended your certification, you may still have the option to recertify with 125 contact hours. Please reach out to the Credentialing Team at info@cc-institute.org if you need assistance confirming which options are available to you.

Please note: effective January 1, 2021, recertification by exam is no longer an option to validate continued competency.



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3. Complete Recertification Application

- Between January 1 – December 31, 2025, log in to your CCI account to access the recertification application. You will not be able to submit your application before January 1, 2025, but you may record your activities in your application at any time.

4. Pay Recertification Fee at Time of Application

CNOR Fee Type	Standard Fee	Early Bird Discount
CNOR Recertification by Points	\$446	\$406 (\$40 discount) January 1 – March 31, 2026
CNOR Extension Year	\$257	n/a
CNOR Emeritus Status (one-time fee)	\$184	n/a

5. Alternatives to Professional Development Activities

- CNOR Extension Year**

Active CNOR certificants who do not complete their points activities between January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2025, may choose to apply for a CNOR Extension Year. This allows the nurse to use points and CE earned between January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2026, to meet recertification requirements and apply for recertification in 2027. [Log in to your CCI account](#) to apply for the CNOR Extension Year online by December 31, 2026.

- Emeritus Status – Retire Your Credential**

Transferring out of the OR, retiring, or ineligible to recertify? Perioperative nurses may choose to retire their CNOR credential by applying for Emeritus Status. The CNOR(E) credential recognizes the nurse's service and commitment to the perioperative profession. [Log in to your CCI account](#) to apply for Emeritus Status by December 31, 2026.

6. Begin Next 5-Year Cycle

Upon successful recertification, your new five-year accrual period begins immediately.

Important note: Recertification by points will be the only method available during your next accrual period.