



## The BCCTPC Announces Flight Paramedic Certification by CE Renewal

In September, the BCCTPC board of directors unanimously voted to approve a proposal whereby Certified Flight Paramedics can renew their FP-C Certification with approved continuing education hours. This is a welcome change to the almost 900 Certified Flight Paramedics across the United States and Germany. Under the previous requirement, Certified Flight Paramedics were required to re-test, and pass, within four years in order to maintain their Certification. Presently, candidates can choose to re-test or they may renew their Certification under the following guidelines:

- CE should have a clear and direct application to the practice of flight medicine.
- A minimum of 100 contact hours must be submitted; 75 of the contact hours must be in the CLINICAL category, 16 CLINICAL hours must be from an approved FP-C prep class. 25 CE's may be in the OTHER category to complete the 100 hours. However, it is acceptable to have more than 75 of the contact hours in the CLINICAL category.
- For continuing education to be eligible to use for renewal, it must have occurred during the four-year period of certification. For example, if the certification expires March 31, 2006, the four-year period of certification is from April 1, 2003 until March 31, 2006.
- It is recommended that CE logs and renewal applications be sent to the BCCTPC office at least three months and no more than six months prior to certification expiration.
- Renewal applications that are submitted to BCCTPC beyond the certification expiration date will not be accepted.
- Applications with incomplete information or insufficient fees will receive a notification letter. FP-C Renewal applications are processed according to when they are received by the BCCTPC and the certification expiration date.
- Candidates who successfully meet all program requirements will have their FP-C credential renewed for four years. Candidates who do not meet the FP-C renewal program requirements must register and pass the FP-C exam to maintain their credential.
- It is the responsibility of the candidate to identify the number of CLINICAL and OTHER hours of CE activities using the following FP-C renewal guidelines. BCCTPC will make the final determination as to category and acceptability of submissions.

General guidelines, eligibility requirements and the application procedure for CE renewal are outlined on the BCCTPC website ([www.CertifiedFlightParamedic.org](http://www.CertifiedFlightParamedic.org)). If you have questions regarding the CE renewal process, please contact the BCCTPC home office at 770-979-6372.

In early September the BCCTPC announced another major change, in the Certification process: Computer-Based Testing for the Certified Flight Paramedic Exam. This service is offered in conjunction with Applied Measurement Professionals, Inc. AMP's Assessment Center Network (CAN) consists of over 150 domestic testing sites, with at least one site in every state, as well as locations in Canada, Mexico and overseas. The computer-based testing (CBT) network provides candidates with an accessible, convenient and secure testing environment. Exam results are available immediately after testing. Candidates can register for the CBT FP-C Exam online at [www.CertifiedFlightParamedic.org](http://www.CertifiedFlightParamedic.org).