



Controlled Environment Testing Association

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To: CETA Members, Partners, & Stakeholders

From: CETA Board of Directors

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Subject: Updates to CETA National Board of Testing (CNBT) Program

The CETA National Board of Testing (CNBT) is a credentialing program for professionals who certify controlled environments. In 2009, CETA developed a credentialing program for professionals working in our field of certification, specifically a credential that would be an objective representation of an individual's fundamental knowledge and skills in the area of testing controlled environments.

Currently, more than 300 professionals hold CNBT credentials across three disciplines.

The CETA Board of Directors (BOD) has conducted a comprehensive review of the CNBT program to ensure ongoing efficiency and success. As part of this review, several policy, governance, and operational updates will take effect January 1, 2026.

CNBT GOVERNANCE & OVERSIGHT

To uphold impartiality, transparency, and consistency across CNBT activities, the CETA Board reviewed and refined the scope and responsibilities of the CNBT committee.

You can review the updated CNBT Committee scope [here](#).

Thank you to the [CNBT committee](#) for their oversight:

CNBT Administrator: Carol Serle

CNBT Board Liaison: Charlie Pellegrini

CNBT Committee Members:

- Brenden Finn
- F. Les Miller
- Jeff Serle
- Matt Smyers

Active CETA members may apply to join the CNBT Committee at any time. When there is a vacancy, committee members are appointed by the CETA Board of Directors in accordance with the [CETA Volunteer Policy](#).

CNBT POLICY UPDATES (EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026)

The following changes to the CNBT Policy have been approved by the CETA Board of Directors to promote fairness, consistency, and enhanced operational efficiency in exam administration and maintenance:

- **Section 2.4.3 – Exam Registration:** Late registrations will no longer be accepted for any CNBT exam administration. All examinees must be registered by the published deadline to be eligible to sit for an exam.

- **Section 2.7.1 – Withdrawals & Refunds:** Applicants who wish to withdraw must submit a digital withdrawal form at least 30 days in advance of their scheduled exam date to be eligible for a refund (minus applicable processing fees).
- **Section 4.3 – Grace Period:** The 120-day grace period for re-certification will be discontinued. Individuals credentialed after January 1, 2026, will not be eligible for this extension.

Furthermore, the CNBT Committee is finalizing an updated process for testing accommodations in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Details will be included in the forthcoming policy revision.

A fully revised CNBT Policy Manual reflecting these and other clarifications will be published in 2026.

EXAM PRICING (EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026)

All fees must be paid in full at the time of registration. The “invoice me” option will no longer be available.

Sterile Compounding Facilities (SCF) Exam

EXAM TYPE	MEMBER	NON-MEMBER
SCF Dual Exams	\$1,645.00	\$2,195.00
SCF Multiple Choice Re-Test Only	\$825.00	\$1,100.00
SCF Written Practical Re-Test Only	\$825.00	\$1,100.00
SCF Re-Certification (Multiple Choice Only in Accordance with CE Policy)	\$1,645.00	\$2,195.00

Fume Hoods (FH) Exam

EXAM TYPE	MEMBER	NON-MEMBER
FH Dual Exams	\$1,315.00	\$1,865.00
FH Multiple Choice Re-Test Only	\$660.00	\$935.00
FH Written Practical Re-Test Only	\$660.00	\$935.00
FH Re-Certification	\$1,315.00	\$1,865.00

Cleanroom Testing (CT) Exam

EXAM TYPE	MEMBER	NON-MEMBER
CT Dual Exams	\$1,375.00	\$1,925.00
CT Multiple Choice Re-Test Only	\$690.00	\$965.00
CT Written Practical Re-Test Only	\$690.00	\$965.00
CT Re-Certification	\$1,375.00	\$1,925.00

Private Exam Administrations

EXAM TYPE	PRICE
Private Open Administration	\$3,850.00
Private Closed Administration	\$4,200.00

RE-CERTIFICATION & CONTINUING EDUCATION

To support the continued professional development of credentialed individuals, the Education & Professional Development Committee has been tasked with enhancing the re-certification process outlined in Section 4 of the CNBT Policy.

A new CETA Continuing Education Based Recertification Framework has been developed to:

- Encourage ongoing professional growth and competency maintenance.
- Ensure equitable and transparent pathways to renewal.
- Discontinue the 10-year mandatory full retest.

[Click here to review the framework.](#)

This new framework will apply to all newly credentialed professionals as of January 1, 2026.

Current credentialed professionals will remain under the existing recertification criteria until their next renewal cycle.

CNBT CODE OF ETHICS

The CETA Board of Directors has developed a draft CNBT Code of Ethics that establishes the professional and ethical standards expected of all certified individuals.

The draft Code of Ethics will be distributed to CETA members and stakeholders for review and comment for a one month period prior to formal adoption. The review period, closing on December 10, 2025, will allow members and credentialed professionals to provide feedback to ensure the Code accurately reflects the values and professional expectations of the community.

[Click here to review the draft Code of Ethics.](#)

Once finalized, the Code of Ethics will be published on the CETA website and incorporated into the CNBT Policy Manual.

FUTURE UPDATES

The CETA Board is currently evaluating software solutions to streamline CNBT operations, improve candidate experience, and strengthen recordkeeping.

CETA remains committed to continuous improvement and maintaining a fair, valid, and reliable credentialing process.

For questions or additional information, please contact the CETA Executive Director at info@cetainternational.org or any CETA Board of Director.