



CIED CERT Frequently Asked Questions - FAQ's

Some of the more common questions we have been asked are included here. You can also find these on the administration module as part of the FAQ feedback forum. This will be the main way you will get up-to-date information.

General

What is the CIED CERT for?

The IBHRE exam is just that, an exam. Students are expected to study and complete the exam and may do so with minimal experience and competency. The CIED Cert provides a pathway to attain and quantify that expertise and at the same time provide a learning pathway to complete the exam.

Who can enroll in the CIED CERT?

Registered and financial members of the CPRB/SCT, with a current APC are eligible to enroll and complete the certification program. Employment in a clinical role performing cardiac implanted device follow-up is also required.

Can I enrol in the program after immediately completing CCP?

No, we would expect you to have consolidated your cardiac physiology training and be working in pacing for at least two years prior to enrolling in the program.

How do I enrol in the program?

On the SCT website (www.sct.org.nz), under the education tab, there is a downloadable registration form that you can complete and submit electronically.

What is included in the CIED CERT?

The CIED program is an on-line/E learning program, containing 7 modules or sections on various key topics associated with CIED follow up and are related to the various exam topics associated with IBHRE.

These modules have frequent and relevant knowledge checks to hone your exam skills. In addition, there is an exam preparation course that can be repeated multiple times to practice the types of questions you are likely to encounter in IBHRE examination.

The CIED CERT provides a mechanism to collate and quantify your experience completing a portfolio which is described in more detail below.

How much does the program cost?

The cost of the CIED CERT program is NZ \$4800 with the IBHRE exam fee on top of this.

How do I pay for this?

Once your registration has been accepted, you will be sent an invoice, which you can present to your work place to apply for reimbursement.



IBHRE Exam

Do SCT run a revision course for the IBHRE exam?

There are already online exams with explanations that are available to the candidates a few months prior to the exam date which will help immensely towards completing the exam. If there is overwhelming interest in running a separate revision program, then this could be looked at a later date.

When should I sit the IBHRE exam?

You should aim to sit the IBHRE exam in the 2nd year of completing the CIED CERT, so as to give yourself sufficient time to collect the portfolio numbers required.

Do I need to be a SCT member to sit the IBHRE examination?

No, you could feasibly enrol in IBHRE without being an SCT member. However, to enrol in the CIED CERT you must be an active SCT/HRSNZ member to register for program. It is both recommended and encouraged to work through the certification program alongside the IBHRE exam.



Portfolio

What is included in the portfolio?

The portfolio is the mechanism by which we assess your experience and clinical exposure. This comprises of a logbook, case series and DOPS completion. These can all be investigated in the administration module of the CIED cert

How many CIED follow up cases am I supposed to collect?

The logbook section of the portfolio is broken into three areas:

1. Pacemaker logbook - 500 follow ups with at least 350 dual chambers
2. ICD/CRT log book - 200 follow ups with at least 75 CRT
3. Remote monitoring logbook. -100 remote follow ups

When do I start my portfolio and how long do I have to complete it?

You can start collecting your portfolio numbers immediately upon enrolling in the CIED CERT. All forms and documents are in electronic format on the eLearning system.

You have 18 months to complete the portfolio and this would need to be completed prior to sitting the IBHRE exam.

Can I state names of doctors and hospitals in the log book?

Yes, doctor and hospital names are fine – but as stated in the log book instructions, no patient details should be included. Any patient identifiable information present within the logbook will result in an automatic fail.

How do I submit my portfolio?

The logbook is in an electronic format, which can be filled in as you go. This can occur through an eLearning app or on a PC/MAC. The logbook does not require all data to be completed prior to submission; you can submit the data as you go. There is a course administration module that has presentations and videos to assist with this process.

The case series is an online interactive learning quiz, covering an extensive range of topics relating to CIED follow up.

What are DOPS

Direct observation of procedure skills are

The DOPS forms are an integral part of the overall competency assessment.

All of these are completed electronically in on the SCT eLearning portal.

Would it be possible to gain certification for bradycardia devices alone?

The program is related to all CIED's so you are required to complete the entire portfolio which covers all devices. All sections of the portfolio must be completed prospectively with devices from within an 18-month period from your agreed logbook start date. Additionally, the IBHRE exam covers all device types.

Does the portfolio include CIED implants?

You are expected to attend 20 implants with a mixture of devices and manufacturers. These implants are essential observed only and require your supervisor to sign that you have attended.



[Am I able to use ICD/CRT implants to count towards pacemaker implants?](#)

Yes. As stated in the logbook instructions, CRT-D devices can count towards ICDs numbers and CRT/ICD devices can count towards pacemaker numbers but not vice versa. Please bear in mind, CIED implantation is not a formal part of the certification program.

[Is it okay to use the same follow up CRT and ICD manufacturer?](#)

A variety of different companies is advantageous but not essential



Supervision

Does my named supervisor have to be present for all the device clinic patients I include in my portfolio?

This can be any CIED qualified and registered Cardiac Physiologist, with oversight of your designated supervisor.

Do I need to notify you of my supervisor prior to starting to collect cases for the logbook?

Yes, this is outlined on the course registration form.

Who can sign off my log book?

Your supervisor must be a qualified and experienced clinical physiologist who holds a current APC through the CPRB. Your supervisor will retain ultimate responsibility for signing off any documentation. As stated previously, it is neither practical nor possible for them to be present for every device follow up and so they may delegate the follow up process to other qualified staff. However, they must sign off all documentation to ensure they are content with the standard

What is required of my device colleagues in order to assess me?

You must obtain verification of the information and completion of the assessment sections from your supervisor, who must be experienced in device management and ideally hold the IBHRE qualification or equivalent.

Can one of the doctors sign off portfolio components?

No. Most physicians do not routinely operate in the CIED clinic environment and whilst they may have clinical oversight, they do not participate in regular device follow up. Under extreme circumstances, this may be considered, however justification would need to be outline very clearly and a special dispensation would need to be attained.

Does my supervisor have to physically sign the logbook?

An electronic signature is fine – preferably a scan. You need to ensure, the contact name is legible so we can check any details if necessary.

Can one of the device company reps sign portfolio components?

No. Whilst device reps will understand their specific devices well, the degree to which they can provide suitable clinical oversight is uncertain. We would not accept a device rep as a supervisor for the CIED CERT program.