

Idaho Board of Alcohol/Drug Counselor Certification, Inc. IBADCC

November 2, 2011

Dear Treatment Professional:

It has been a great year here at **IBADCC**, serving the certification needs of all our practitioners in the prevention and treatment of substance use disorders. The year 2011 has ushered in many improvements to both the function of the IBADCC and the professional certification standards it supports. It is our goal to proactively set and maintain professional certification standards and to provide you with a certification signifying your professional competency. We believe in the work you are accomplishing and appreciate the high standards you put forth daily.

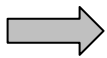
Effective October 3, 2011 we eliminated **ALL pencil and paper certification testing** and implemented computer based testing or CBT. The benefits of computer based testing are:

- Flexibility to test "on demand" - *No longer limited to only two (2) tests cycles per year*
- Immediate scoring at the completion of your exam - *No longer will you have to wait for your score*

Now, once your application has been approved and your testing fee has been received, a letter will be issued with instructions directing you to register online for your test. You will be able to select your testing date and the testing center that is most convenient for you.

Beginning January 1, 2012, we will be publishing new and improved manuals for all levels of certifications. Within the manuals you will note some policy changes, one of which requires your immediate attention:

Lapsed Certificate: "Certifications at any level that have been expired no more than **six months** may be renewed if the person seeking recertification has abided by the IBADCC Code of Ethics . . ."



PLEASE NOTE: As of today, if your certification is lapsed three years or less, you will want to correct this before December 31, 2011, otherwise you **MUST** go through the process of reapplying and retesting for your lapsed certification.

Additionally, in 2012, look for other improvements to your certification board in the following ways:

- New website with improved counselor referral functions, job board listings and updated certification guidelines.
- Updated ethics policies.

On a personal note, I would like to let you know that it has been a pleasure to serve you as President of the IBADCC Board and I appreciate the support you have shown over the last two years. I would like to announce that in January 2012, we will be welcoming Ted Wenzel as he steps into the role as your new president.

May your holiday season be filled with joy and abundance as you look forward to a bright New Year!

Regards,

Mary Christy
IBADCC ~ President