

CBCCT 2021 Eligibility Changes - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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Q1: What eligibility changes are going into effect in 2021?

A1: In 2021, all CBCCT certification examination applicants from the Cardiology Pathway will need to document 250 cardiovascular computed tomography (CCT) cases in keeping with the **COCATS 4 Task Force 7: Training in Cardiovascular Computed Tomography (2015) guidelines**, whether the applicant applies from the Formal Training Pathway or from the Experience Pathway. While CBCCT is currently requiring that Cardiology/Nuclear Medicine and Radiology (if applicable) applicants complete their casework for CT training using the 2015 COCATs guidelines, we will NOT enforce the minimum 8-week training component of the guidelines in the 2021 application cycle only. Please continuously review this document for further updates.

Q2: The COCATS 4 Task Force 7: Training in Cardiovascular Computed Tomography (2015) guidelines identify specific case types needed to meet Level 2. Do I have to document that I have met these minimums?

A2: Candidates will document that they have met the COCATS 4 Level 2 requirements and must specifically document the 65 directly performed cases. Case type breakdowns will be subject to audit; if audited, an applicant must be able to provide logbook or other documentation that includes case specifics.

Q3: Is Formal Training in CCT required for all CBCCT applicants?

A3: CBCCT is delaying phase-out of the Experience Pathway, so applicants who meet case requirements through mentored experience may continue to apply.

NOTE: To document meeting this requirement, CBCCT will accept attestations from the Applicant's Preceptor(s) or from a Level 3 qualified colleague or Preceptor. This individual is responsible for CCT training oversight and documentation. Current SCCT Verification documentation will also be accepted.

Q4: If coming from the Formal Training pathway, must all my cases have been completed directly within my training program?

A4: No. Case requirements may continue to be met through course participation. The cases must still be completed within a 36-month timeframe, but can be completed during training or following training; within a cardiology fellowship, or advanced imaging fellowship, or through a course or through mentored practice under a Level 2 or 3 trained practitioner.

Q5: I completed my cardiovascular computed tomography training/met my case requirements more than 36 months ago. What case maintenance do I need to document?

A5: Assuming no ACR or ACC Cardiology Continued Competence changes in cardiovascular computed tomography maintenance requirements prior to 2021, CBCCT maintenance requirements will remain as follows: Cardiology pathway: 150 contrast cardiac CT cases (50 A/A1; 100 A2/B) in the 36 months prior to application submission); Radiology pathway: (75 contrast cardiac CT cases in the 12 months prior to application submission).

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