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Certification Renewal Criteria*

The applicant for renewal of AASECT certification should respond to the following issues when completing the enclosed application for certification renewal.

Reminder: AASECT performs a 10% random audit on all certification renewal applications. If your application is selected for the audit process, you will be notified by the national office.

I. Introduction – AASECT Philosophy Concerning Certification:

AASECT, by conferring certification on a number of its members, recognizes that the member: 1) has chosen as a specialty the field of human sexuality; and 2) is committed to and demonstrates a high level of professional education, accountability and ethical standards.

II. Length of Certification

Designation of initial AASECT Certification will be for a period of three (3) years. Renewal certification will be for a period of five (5) years.

III. Good Standing in AASECT

Applicants for renewal must be members in good standing and will be current in payment of membership dues and certification fees.

IV. Ethical Considerations

Applicants for renewal will not have been found guilty of violations of the AASECT Code of Ethics.

V. Continuing Professional Education:

The minimum requirement for recertification is twenty (20) Continuing Education (CE) credits. These credits may be obtained in the following ways:

A. Twenty (20) AASECT sponsored or approved CE credits

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B. Five (5) AASECT sponsored or approved CE credits and fifteen (15) credits of a

combination of the following:

1. AASECT sponsored or approved CE credits (one CE = one credit).
2. Face-to-face supervision with an AASECT certified or approved supervisor (one hour of supervision = one credit).
3. Non-AASECT sponsored or approved sexuality education (two hours = one credit, up to a maximum of five credits).
4. Publication of a paper in a professional journal or a chapter in a text book. The content must address some aspect of sexuality and the journal or book must meet AASECT criteria as determined by the Certification Committee. Only one (1) article or journal may be counted toward recertification (one article or chapter = three credits).
5. Development of a teaching tool, e.g., a video, audio tape or manual addressing problematic or developmental issues encountered during practice and training). The Certification Committee will determine whether the teaching tool meets AASECT criteria and only one teaching tool may be counted toward recertification (one teaching tool = three credits).
6. Designing or conducting a training or enrichment program for AASECT members (two hours of presentation = one credit up to a maximum of five credits).
7. Designing or conducting a teaching experience for a non-AASECT setting or one not sponsored by AASECT. The Certification Committee will determine whether the teaching experience meets AASECT criteria and only one teaching experience may be counted for recertification (one teaching experience = three credits).
8. Editing of collected works, books and journals. The manuscript must appear as a recent publication (published within the recertification period). The Certification Committee will determine if the edited work meets AASECT criteria. Only one edited work may be counted toward recertification (one edited work = three credits).
9. Members who are certified as approved supervisors and who provide supervision for candidates in the process of becoming AASECT Certified Sexuality Counselors, Sex Therapists or Supervisors may count a portion of their supervisory hours toward recertification (ten hours of supervision = one credit up to a maximum of five credits).
10. Distance Education: For recertification, members may utilize a limit of seven (7) continuing education units (CE credits) garnered from successfully completed distance education trainings, such as the clinical inserts in Contemporary

Sexuality or those on the AASECT web page.

VI. Documentation and Fees:

- A. AASECT strives to create the potential for as close to a paperless recertification process as possible through the following procedures:
1. AASECT Certified Sexuality Educators, Counselors, Sex Therapists and Supervisors have the total responsibility for maintaining a record of their continuing education and professional activity as it relates to their recertification.
 2. Documentation of continuing education, or professional activity which may be relevant to one's continuing education (See 5 above), must be legibly enumerated on the form, AASECT Certification Renewal Application, with the total CE credits claimed clearly noted. Candidates for recertification will affirm by signing this form that they have in their possession documentation that will verify the education and professional experience stated on the form.
 3. The AASECT office will, from time to time, conduct random audits of the applications for recertification in order to verify the accuracy of the material reported on the AASECT Certification Renewal Application form. Should the audit of a member's records show deficiencies between the information listed on the application and the documentation provided during an audit to support claims concerning CE activity the matter will be referred to the AASECT Certification Steering Committee for review and possible action.
- B. **Applicants for renewal will pay a non-refundable processing fee of \$300.** Payments should be made payable to "AASECT Recertification."

Certification renewal materials must be submitted to the AASECT national office:

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Certification Page of Website: http://www.aasect.org/Certification_Renewal_Reqs_Apps.asp

Thank you for your continued support and interest in AASECT!

We look forward to processing your recertification packet.

Please allow 6–10 weeks for processing your AASECT recertification.