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Important Updates to CPESC, Inc. Programs

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This Extra edition of the BroadCastings newsletter is being published to let you know of some important changes to our certification programs. These changes were approved by the CPESC Council at its regular summer meeting. These changes fall into the following four categories:

- Fee Changes
- Professional Development
- Applications
- Exam Time Limits

Fee Changes

Effective September 1, 2007, the following fees were implemented:

Application Fees:	Founding Partner Registrants	All Others
CPESC	US\$185	US\$200
CPSWQ	US\$185	US\$200
CESSWI	US\$135	US\$150
Crossover Application Fees (CPESC & CPSWQ)	US\$75	US\$75
Retest Fees	US\$75	US\$75
Renewal Late Fees	US\$25	US\$25

Effective January 1, 2008, renewal fees will be as follows:

	Founding Partner Registrants	All Others
CPESC	US\$85	US\$100
CPSWQ	US\$85	US\$100
CESSWI	US\$60	US\$75

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Note: Renewals received in our office on or before December 31 of this year will be eligible for the existing renewal rates of US\$50/US\$75. Renewal fees received in January must be paid at the new rate.

Professional Development

There have been no changes to professional development requirements. The changes to this part of the program are related to how we verify compliance with the requirements. We are moving to a professional development auditing system. What does this mean to you?

Effective January 1, 2008, the CPESC, Inc. Administrative Office will no longer require PDU reporting forms. At that time we will begin randomly selecting registrants for professional development audits. Registrants who are selected to be audited will receive an official letter from our office advising them they are being audited, the scope of the audit, and the time interval for them to respond. During the audit, you may be contacted by a CPESC, Inc. staff member and asked to verify professional development information. Registrants should maintain a log of PDUs accumulated and make them available upon request. When the audit is complete, you will receive an appropriate letter from our office advising you of the results of the audit.

One important change that you will see is a line on your annual renewal statement asking for your signature affirming that you are in compliance with professional development requirements. **If you are in compliance, sign the form before giving it to your accounts payable department.**

Application Changes

The requirement for applicants to submit four reference forms in sealed envelopes has been eliminated. Instead, each applicant must supply contact information for four references. These references must still meet the criteria of no more than two individuals from the applicant's current workgroup. We still prefer (although not a requirement) that at least one of the references be a current registrant in one of our programs.

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Exam Time Limits

Based on feedback from approved instructors and requests from applicants, the Council approved time limit changes for some exams. The current time limits for exams are as follows:

CPESC

Full exam..... 5 hours (+1 hour)
In-Training 3 hours
Part II 3 hours

CPSWQ

Full exam..... 5 hours (+1 hour)
Crossover 4 hours (+1 hour)

CESSWI

Full exam..... 5 hours

These exam time limit changes became effective on September 1, 2007.

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Summary

Renewal fees will increase on the first day of 2008. If you pay before then, you can pay the old rates. If you pay in January, you don't have to pay a late fee, but you will have to pay the new rate.

Remember to sign the renewal form affirming your compliance with professional development requirements. Failure to comply will delay your recertification and you will be responsible for any late fees that may be incurred.

If asked to serve as a reference for an applicant, you will not have to fill-out a form, but you may be contacted by our office and asked to participate in a short interview. If you are not sufficiently knowledgeable about a person's ethics, knowledge, skills, and abilities, please ask them to find someone else.

Thank you for your continued support for our certification programs. If you have questions about any of the information in this newsletter, please contact your Regional Rep or visit our web site at www.cpesc.org. Of course, you are always welcome to contact our office directly.