

**NBSCT
Education Coordinator Report
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Good afternoon,

We are currently 15 months away from the end of this triennium. A number of members have been submitting their CEUs throughout the year. The changes in the process of acquiring CEUs and the process on submitting these CEU's is not without its challenges. Hopefully this article will help clear up any confusion.

A new CEU committee, consisting of CEU coordinators across Canada, has been created by the CSCT to review current standards and make revisions if necessary. I have volunteered to be a member of this committee as I feel there are improvements that can be made to the CEU guidelines.

What is a CEU?

A CEU is a continuing educational unit. It is a measure used in assisting us to maintain and improve our roles as health care providers. By submitting CEU's we are upholding and improving our professional standards. By maintaining these educational units we improve the quality and integrity of care we provide to our patients.

Why do I need to submit CEU's?

In order to maintain a status of "In good standing" with the NBSCT and CSCT you must do two things. One is to pay your dues to the NBSCT on an annual basis and the other is to submit 30 CEU units every 3 years.

Who made these guidelines?

The CSCT created the list of tasks and the CEU value assigned to completing the task. These guidelines, like our exam, are not created with only one province in mind. These are created with all Canadian technologists in mind. The CEU coordinator is responsible for ensuring all RCTs in NB have met the requirements set forth by the CSCT.

The process of submitting CEU's

There is a form titled "CEU English/or French Submission" on the NBSCT website under the CEU FORM tab. Print off this form each and every time you submit CEU's. Once the form is filled out, send an electronic copy of the submission form as well as your proof of attendance, certificates etc. to the email address for the Provincial CEU Coordinator. Each member should also keep an electronic or paper copy of all paperwork submitted to the CEU coordinator. It is highly recommended that this be an ongoing process throughout the triennium.

At the end of the triennium, members who have not submitted the appropriate number of CEU's will be notified via email, to the address provided via the NBSCT website. Please ensure your contact information is up to date on the NBSCT website or you risk not being notified that you will no longer be in good standing as a member of the NBSCT. If you do not maintain your "Good Standing" status you are not eligible for employment. There will be no individual confirmation for each document you submit to the CEU Coordinator.

What if I cannot attend the AGM, symposium, etc.

It is each individual technologist's responsibility to maintain and improve their educational and professional standards. If one cannot attend meetings or symposiums in person there are unlimited resources online which a person can review journals, research papers, informational videos and other media that qualify for CEU accumulation. At this time the NBSCT does not provide links to any particular website. It is suggested that each technologist could benefit from visiting sites based on their individual interests in cardiology technology.

What if I am an inactive member, on maternity leave, short term disability etc.

It is your responsibility to accumulate CEU's regardless of your employment status in order to maintain "in good standing" status. If you have questions about this please email me directly and we can discuss your individual situation.

If you have suggestions, comments or any feedback regarding this process, the CEU guidelines or anything pertaining to the CEU component please email me directly at nbsct.education@hotmail.com

Respectfully,

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