

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR CMC, CMC RECERTIFICATION & MMC CANDIDATES

NEW IIMC CERTIFICATION POINT MINIMUMS & GRADE PERIOD

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At the IIMC Board meeting held in Chicago last month, the Board discussed the reductions to travel and training budgets which are being sustained across the membership creating difficulty in meeting certification minimum point requirements for CMC, CMC Recertification, and MMC candidates. For MMC candidates, the reduction from 12 to 6 points (approved in May 2008) was helpful, but it was not enough. This issue has caused much worry among IIMC members.

As a result of their discussion, the Board unanimously approved a temporary suspension for certification point minimums and grade periods as follows:

1. Temporary suspend the 4-year deadline for Recertification and 6 points per year minimum for MMC candidates to be revisited at the 2009 mid-year Board meeting.
 - a. Upon the CMC 4-year anniversary date, CMC Recertification candidates unable to meet the minimum 20 points shall submit an Application for Admission with the \$50 fee, and if desired, points accrued thus far toward Recertification.
 - b. Upon receiving a CMC, those wishing to pursue an MMC shall file an Application for Admission and the \$50 fee, regardless of the ability to meet the 6-point per year minimum.
 - c. Upon the CMC anniversary date, all MMC candidates shall annually continue to submit points accrued, regardless of meeting the 6-point minimum.
2. Reconfirm intent that college coursework alone (without Institute attendance) in a related field taken before January 1, 2007, resulting in a degree qualifies a member for the CMC Grace Period. College coursework alone (without Academy attendance) in a related field taken before January 1, 2007, used for Advanced Education points, qualifies a member for the MMC Grace Period.

To be clear:

These are annual certification point minimums for MMC as outlined in the body of the article. The total number of points required has not changed. The motion with respect to the grade period made by the IIMC Board was a clarification related to college coursework. The grace period remains scheduled to expire on December 31, 2009. If an MMC “grace period” candidate does not have all points achieved by that time, only the incremental remainder points will be subject to the new guidelines.

3. Request the IIMC Executive Director to proactively communicate the temporary rules suspension and CMC and MMC Grace Period clarification with the membership.

Additionally, through the Strategic Plan Process, IIMC committees and other stakeholder groups will engage in discussions and offer recommendations on a wide range of policy issues, including the area of Education, known as Key Result Area #5 (KRA #5). The future design of the IIMC certification programs will garner much attention. It is unknown how changes, if any brought forward through the process to the Board of Directors will likely affect point category and annual minimum points required to maintain certification.

Relieving members have difficulty in these economic times from meeting the 4 year deadline for Recertification and 6 points per year for MMC candidates offers reassurance to our members. In time, certification candidates will still have to meet all Education, Experience, Advanced Education, and/or Professional and Social Contribution requirements before receiving the designations.

IIMC Vice President Colleen Nicol and the Professional Development Committee are here to assist you and are readily available to answer any questions or address any concerns that you might have.