

Frequently Asked Questions About The Certified Medical Electrologist (CME) Exam

1. **What is the CME and for whom is it written?**

The Certified Medical Electrologist (CME) is intended for experienced electrologists who also practices laser hair removal. About 40% of the questions are about lasers and their use, while 60% of this exam consists of advanced electrology questions. Those areas include dermatology, pre- and post-treatment care, and patient assessments. The CME is currently the ONLY certification that demonstrates an electrologist's knowledge of laser and light-based hair removal technologies.

2. **What are the eligibility requirements of becoming CME-certified?**

The International Commission for Hair Removal Certification (ICHRC), the Society for Clinical and Medical Hair Removal's certification committee, strongly recommends that one be a practicing electrologist or have recently completed electrology and laser training prior to taking the CME examination. In order to sit for the CME one must hold a current Certified Clinical Electrologist (CCE).

3. **What should I expect from the exam?**

The CME consists of 100 multiple-choice questions. Content assessments for this exam is available in the exam study guide, by contacting the home office, or on SCMHR's website. Practicing electrologists, physicians, nurses and educators from the United States and Canada developed the exam questions. The ICHRC hand-picked these exam writers based on their expertise in the field.

4. **Where and when can I take the CME exam?**

The online exam can be taken at any of Prov's® more than 125 testing centers throughout the United States. Written exams are available to non-U.S. candidates. Written exams are also available to those who wish to take the exam in Spanish.

4. **Can I study for the exam?**

The areas tested include knowledge and skill you develop from being in practice, as well as those learned from initial training. If you are a good practitioner and have had appropriate training, you should have no difficulty passing the examination. The examination is designed to recognize competent practitioners. Examinees who purchase a CCE/CME study guide (\$125) from SCMHR may also view an online review course for this exam.

5. **After I take the exam, how will I know the results?**

Online examinees will receive their results just moments after taking the exam. If you do not receive a passing score, you will receive a detailed report to help you prepare to take the test again.

6. **Does my certification expire?**

Certification expires five years after the date of the original certification. You must be recertified every five years by either retaking the examination or by accumulating and registering 7.5 (75 hours) of SCMHR-approved CEUs.

7. **What does CEU stand for?**

CEU stands for Continuing Education Unit. One CEU is equal to 10 contact hours of participation in an organized continuing education experience under responsible sponsorship, capable direction, and qualified instruction. Up to 2.4 CEUs (24 hours) may be home studies. CEU certificates should be mailed, faxed or emailed to the home office within six months of completion. CEUs will NOT be granted without the proper documentation.

8. **What is the purpose of the recertification requirements?**

The ICHRC enforces these requirements to ensure that each certified person obtains current information in professional development, explores new knowledge in specific content areas, masters new skills and techniques, and conducts his or her professional practice in a safe and ethical manner.

9. **How can I be recertified?**

You must either meet the CEU requirements or pass the current applicable examination. You must submit application for recertification (along with payment) at least 2 weeks before your certification expires.