

Notification to DORS CAS Practitioners - Certification Requirements

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To date, The Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS) has approved private CAS practitioners who were CVE or PVE certified. With the upcoming realignment of the CVE and retirement of the PVE, DORS has made the decision that moving forward ***DORS will only accept the International Certified Vocational Evaluator (ICVE) as the approved credential.***

The PVE designation will end as of December 31, 2022. Information about that may be located at <https://pveregistry.org/changes/>. As of December 31, 2017, RPVE is no longer accepting new applications and moved to maintenance and renewals only until December 31, 2022.

The International Certified Vocational Evaluator (ICVE) credential and certification is currently available. There is a detailed process for applicants and 4 training modules available to applicants who may need some additional training <https://vrlearningacademy.com/product-category/10-vocational-evaluation/>. **ICVE will grandfather in current CVE holders until July 31, 2021.** Information regarding the grandfathering process and requirements can be found at: [International Certified Vocational Evaluator \(ICVE\) – CVRP](#)

As you may have heard, CRCC has developed a "Revitalized CVE." Of concern to Maryland CAS is that there are some credentials such as the IPEC and PVE which are being grandfathered into the "Revitalized CVE." This is problematic as there is no requirement that they have experience and neither the IPEC nor PVE require an examination.

DORS reviewed both requirements for the updated CVE through CRC and the ICVE and determined that the rigorous requirements for the ICVE certification most closely meet our needs for quality and the assurance that standards are maintained through a review of reports and testing prior to certification.

Additional information about ICVE can be found at: <https://cvrp.ca/>

What this means to you:

1. If you are already approved as an ICVE, you are good to go. Just forward proof to Kate Drake (catherine.drake@maryland.gov) for your file.
2. If you are solely credentialed as a PVE, you must become certified as an ICVE upon expiration of your PVE.
3. If you are currently credentialed as a CVE, you must obtain your ICVE upon expiration. The "Revitalized CVE" will not be accepted by Maryland DORS. Current CVEs should consider the grandfathering process prior to expiration.
4. Information regarding ICVE and the grandfathering process are included as attachments to this notification.

Questions and concerns may be directed to Kate Drake, Staff Specialist for CRPs, at: catherine.drake@maryland.gov