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President's Message



Welcome to the Spring 2025 Newsletter! As we enter this vibrant spring season, I am excited to bring you the latest updates from the MDCB. In this issue, we'll discuss how, after careful deliberation and in the pursuit of ensuring procedural fairness in administration of the MDCB exam, the decision has been made by the MDCB to phase out the international route of eligibility. The following can be found posted on the MDCB website:

KARISA GLOWINSKI,

The MDCB is terminating the international eligibility route to sit for the CMD examination after the September 2025 administration. After the September 2025 administration, only International applicants accepted into a dosimetry program in the 2024 calendar year will be eligible to apply through the international eligibility route and will be reviewed through the current international eligibility application process. For those accepted into a dosimetry program in the 2024 calendar year, the first attempt to take the CMD examination must be completed no later than January 2027; candidates who do not successfully pass the examination after three attempts must re-apply under the then current eligibility rules."

As I am aware that this change can come with many questions and uncertainty, my hope is that this newsletter can provide some level of clarity. Let's dive in!

What Does This Change Mean?

The international route of eligibility allowed individuals with specific qualifications from outside of the country to apply for CMD certification. However, it has been concluded that this pathway has lead to inconsistencies in the evaluation process. As a result, the decision has been made to close this route, ensuring a unified and standardized process for all applicants. Moving forward, Route 1 Eligibility will be the only path for candidates to achieve CMD certification.

Why Did the MDCB Determine This Change Necessary?

- 1. Ensuring Procedural Fairness: By necessitating adherence to the same eligibility requirements, we ensure that all candidates are held to the same standard. This reduces disparities in the evaluation process.
- 2. Maintaining High Standards: Medical dosimetry involves high levels of precision and training which directly impact patient outcomes. Standardizing eligibility criteria will help ensure that all professionals in the field possess the same level of knowledge, skills, and expertise.
- **3. Improved Quality Control:** By focusing solely on Route 1 candidacy, we are assured that candidates have been exposed to the same core curriculum and clinical experience requirements.

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Transition and Next Steps

This change will take effect after the September 2025 administration, and we understand that this transition may raise questions. We are committed to supporting those who are affected by this shift and are working diligently to ensure that all existing applications under the international route are processed with the utmost care and fairness.

Looking Forward

We are confident that this change will create a stronger, more transparent certification system, ultimately benefiting patients and professionals alike. As we move forward with this transition, we remain committed to the MDCB mission "to steer the advancement of the Medical Dosimetry profession by establishing certification and continuing education standards to enhance quality patient care."

Thank you for your continued dedication to advancing the field of medical dosimetry. Together, we will ensure that the highest standards of care and fairness are maintained, now and in the future. I hope you all have a bright and productive spring season ahead!

Sincerely,

Karisa Glowinski, CMD

MDCB President

Maintenance of Certification Updates

LEARNING PLAN REVIEW SCHEDULE FOR 2025

To assist CMDs in maintaining their learning plans, the MDCB will be reviewing learning plans based on the following schedule in 2025:

- Year 5 of Cycle: Continuous review for CMDs with 5-year cycle ending in 2025.
- Year 4 of Cycle: January, April, July and October for CMDs with 5-year cycle ending in 2026.
- Year 3 of Cycle: February, May, August and November for CMDs with 5-year cycle ending in 2027.
- Year 2 of Cycle: March, June, September and December for CMDs with 5-year cycle ending in 2028.
- Year 1 of Cycle: March, June, September and December for CMDs with 5-year cycle ending in 2029.

LEARNING PLAN SUBMISSION

CMDs whose five-year cycle ends on December 31, 2025 are reminded to submit learning plans for completion by November 30, 2025.

AAMD Updates

AAMD 50TH ANNUAL MEETING, JUNE 15 - 18, 2025, LAS VEGAS, NV

Be part of this landmark celebration! We will look back at our history and go "all in" on our future with cutting-edge presentations, workshops and exhibits.

- Educational Sessions with 26+ CE Credits: Learn about the very latest developments in radiation oncology while earning MDCB, ARRT and MPCEC CE credits (pending approval).
- Networking with Your Colleagues: Discuss challenges and share ideas.
- Exhibits: Discover the latest products for radiation oncology, visit with your vendors and meet new ones.
- Sponsored Workshops: Go in-depth with hands-on training and practice new techniques.

GET ALL THE DETAILS AND REGISTER NOW!

AAMD 2025 Fall Meeting in Partnership with Inova Schar Cancer Institute, September 5 - 6, 2025, Fairfax, VA

Make your plans now for this 2-day, in-person meeting, where you can talk with your radiation oncology colleagues in a relaxed setting while earning CE credits! Watch the AAMD website for more details this summer.



THE MDCB EXAM

Earlier this year, in conjunction with the administration of the January 2025 CMD exam, the MDCB conducted a Standard Setting workshop. Standard Setting determines the passing score of the exam for the new test specifications. The cut score study is a recognized industry standard that follows proscribed steps to determine the final cut or passing score. Participants for the study are selected from a group of subject matter expert medical dosimetrists who are representative of the demographically diverse dosimetry population. Complete details regarding the Standard Setting are posted on the MDCB website (mdcb.org).

The MDCB thanks the CMDs who participated in the Standard Setting workshop:

Donna Branche Martha Chadband Jemsh Desai Marah McLaurin Breanna Peyton Michael South Michael Wheatley

January 2025 Exam Results

- 115 Candidates sat for the exam
- The pass rate was 80.5%

International Eligibility

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Three-Attempt Rule Reminder

All exam candidates are subject to a three-attempt rule. A "no show" or withdrawal for any exam administration will not be counted as an attempt. Beginning with the January 2026 exam, a candidate who has failed the exam will have a five-year period to complete up to two additional attempts. Following the third failed attempt, the candidate will not be eligible for examination for two calendar years. All candidates whose first attempt preceded the January 2026 exam will not be subject to the five-year restriction but must have documented previous attempts to reapply for the exam.

After a failed exam, applicants will sit for the exam for two successive exams based on the eligibility criteria for which they were approved. If the exam is offered more than once in any calendar year, candidates may sit for each administration.

After the two-year waiting period, the candidate may submit an application for examination. Applicants applying following the two-year waiting period will apply as a new candidate and must meet prevailing eligibility requirements and be required to submit eight (8) MDCB-approved continuing education credits.

Update to the Exam Application Process in 2026

Beginning with the January 2026 Exam, applicants will be required to submit documentation for clinical training. The documentation will be in the form of a certificate provided by the applicant's dosimetry program.

Exam Dates

2025

EXAM: SEPTEMBER 18-20, 2025

Exam Handbook Posted: March 21, 2025

Application Opens: April 11, 2025

Early Application Deadline: June 20, 2025

• Late Application Deadline: July 1, 2025 (U.S. Candidates Only)

2026

EXAM: JANUARY 22-24, 2026

Exam Handbook Posted: September 5, 2025

• Application Opens: September 19, 2025

• Early Application Deadline: November 3, 2025

• Late Application Deadline: November 14, 2025

EXAM: SEPTEMBER 17-19, 2026

Exam Handbook Posted: March 23, 2026

• Application Opens: April 13, 2026

Early Application Deadline: June 19, 2026Late Application Deadline: July 3, 2026

Applicants are reminded that before starting the application, they are required to read the Applicant Handbook and familiarize themselves with:

- All requirements and procedures related to the exam application
- All dates related to the application and exam
- Fee policies
- Ethical standards
- Exam content domains
- Exam references

PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

As a recognized member of the health-care field providing critical care to individuals facing life-threatening illnesses, it is the sole responsibility of each Certified Medical Dosimetrist to adhere to the MDCB Ethical Standards, renew their credential annually by December 31 of each calendar year, earn and document 50 continuing education credits in each five-year cycle, and make necessary updates to personal contact information in the CE Center. Renewal fees submitted after December 31 will be subject to a late fee. Failure to submit the renewal fees for any calendar year may result in the loss of the CMD credential.

Congratulations to New CMDs

Congratulations to the January 2025 exam candidates who successfully challenged the exam!

Emily Adkins Azah Alawad Purvika Astekar Paul Barta John Beck Kathryn Benner **Daniel Best** Trevin Beyer Madeleine Booth Daniil Boyko Venecia Camarena Michele Candler Anthony Carranza Joshua Cherukara Christine Chov Janice Chuang Lindsay Clabaugh Colleen Cozzie Fernando Cruz Elise Davis Holly Denavich Ajay Deshmukh

Marie DiBona

Brennan Diedrich

Marsha Dookhoo Taniesha Dvoskin Tylor Filipiak **Emily Freeman** Katherine Gomez Martinez Megan Gordon Addison Gucwa Carissa Hafner **Bethany Hander Emily Hartleben Estel Hayes Ammir Headley** Daisy Hong Renteng Hou **Aaron Hutchins** Hai Huynh Mohsin Iqbal **Brittany Jendel** Tyreke Jennis Nicole Joergens Pin Johnson Jaylen Johnson Jalen Jole Maria Juchartz

Ashley Kleekamp Angela Knowles Kinze Kraft Ashok Kumar Julia Legno Nicole Lin Kayla Lucostic Candrea Lynch Soufiane Mansouri Tonya March Casey Martin Nicholas Martinez Kameron McCall Clayton Meyer Allison Munyer Myles Mustapich Quyen Nguyen Hannah Ondos April Premo Jacob Price Amanda Regalski Adam Ries Viktor Samuylik Kathryn Schoessel

Julia Seng Traci Short Olivia Smiley Dominika Spagnola Melissa Stenslie Amanda Tabar Megan Taylor **Emily Thai** Michelle Thornton Brian To Dien Tran Lisa Tran Rana Turfe Veronica Valino Danielle Varbanoff Carlyn Whitehead Melissa Wilkinson Jason Williams Jessica Wingate Anson Wong Sandra Wright

The five-year certification cycle for new CMDs commences on January 1, 2026.