Get Recertified [1]

Why you should maintain your CMSRN credential
Recertification reaffirms your competence, and brings a renewed freshness to your confidence and credibility. It is the next step in a career-long process that assures medical-surgical patients of your commitment to promoting positive patient outcomes. Begin planning for recertification soon after you've earned your Certified Medical-Surgical Registered Nurse (CMSRN®) credential. CMSRN certification is valid for 5 years.

Be sure to remain part of the CMSRN community! You are a significant part of a nationally recognized specialty.

Get Recertified by Continuing Education

**Eligibility Criteria** [2]
You are eligible if you:

- Hold a current medical-surgical nursing certification and
- Hold a current RN license or foreign equivalent and
- Have accrued 1000 practice hours in a med-surg setting in the last 5 years and
- Have earned 90 contact hours in the last 5 years

**Application Fees** [3]
Regular $275
AMSN member $175

**Plan & Apply with the CMSRN Tracker** [4]
- Know your certification expiration date and application deadlines. [5]
- Self-report your contact hours continuously throughout your five year certification period. List of acceptable contact hour activities. [6]
- Self-reported contact hours are manually reviewed so allow up to 10 business days for verification status updates.
- Apply for recertification right from your Tracker when all eligibility criteria are met.

**Plan for Your Recertification**
MSNCB recommends arranging your recertification plan soon after certification. Learn more. [7]

**CMSRN Recertification & Exam Exemption Guide**
Download this handy guide for all you need to know about CMSRN recertification.

**Get Recertified by Exam**
Candidates may test up to one (1) year in advance of the expiration of current certification. All criteria for the
certification examination must be met and a test application form and appropriate fees paid 30 days prior to
certification expiration date. Learn all you need to know about taking the CMSRN exam with Steps to
Certification [9].

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