
CPST Recertification and COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions

I already recertified. Do I have to do anything else??

If you already recertified, thank you! You are all set in your 2020-2022 certification cycle. You can log in and print your CPST wallet card.

I already did my seat checks with an instructor. Do I need to earn more CEUs instead?

If you completed all 5 seat checks you do not need to complete anything else to meet this requirement.

I have only completed some of my seat checks with an instructor. What should I do?

If you did not complete your seat checks, you use either seat checks or CEUs to meet the requirement. One CEU would be the equivalent of one seat check so you can mix and match seat checks and CEUs to total 5. For example, if you entered 5 seat checks, no additional CEUs would need to be entered. If 2 seat checks are completed, you can complete 3 CEUs. If no seat checks have been completed, then you can complete 5 CEUs.

Example:

| # of Completed Seat Checks | # of required additional CEUs |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 0 | 5 |
| 1 | 4 |
| 2 | 3 |
| 3 | 2 |
| 4 | 1 |
| 5 | 0 |

Can I use any of the CEUs I have already earned to replace a seat check?

The CEUs submitted in place of a seat check must be different than the six (6) CEUs entered for the CEU requirement.

Aren't CEUs a step back from seat checks in terms of quality assurance?

Instructor (or technician proxy) reviewed seat checks (virtual or in person) with a caregiver are the BEST way to confirm technical and communication skills. BETTER is a mock seat check, either in person or virtually. With COVID-19, many CPSTS are not able to do either real or mock seat checks in person or virtually, so we developed a GOOD option. The additional CEUs will help improve technical knowledge and provide a way for you to safely maintain CPST certification in the time of COVID-19.



How long will the alternatives be available?

The options of CEUs for seat checks and [community education](#) webinars for teaching hours, will stay available until CPSTs and CPSTIs can safely provide seat checks and offer courses. When it is safe to do so, Safe Kids will provide notice of the date when the standard recertification process will be reinstated.

Can I get an extension?

The option of CEUs for seat checks allows CPSTs to complete their recertification at their convenience, reducing the need for COVID-19-related emergency extensions. However, per [policy](#), if you have a medical or major family issue or experienced a natural disaster and would like some additional time to complete your recertification, [contact us](#) for assistance before your certification expiration date.

Will I be audited on my CEUs submitted in place of seat checks?

Yes, if you are audited you will need to show proof of all CEUs submitted for your recertification. That means you need to be ready to provide proof for the 6 you submitted for the CEU requirement **and** any additional CEUs entered in place of reviewed seat checks. More on CEU audits is [online](#).

I already earned my teaching hours. Do I still need to earn additional community education hours?

If you earned all 20 teaching hours you do not need to complete anything else to meet this requirement.

I have only earned some of my teaching hours. What should I do?

If you have not earned your required hours, you can choose from the series of specially marked Community Education webinars available on the CPS Board website to complete this requirement. The number of additional hours of community education you'll need, depends on how many teaching hours you have already earned.

Example:

| # Teaching Hours Earned | # of required Community Education Hours |
|-------------------------|---|
| 0-10 | 5 |
| 11-19 | 2 |
| 20 or more | 0 |



Can I use any webinar as a substitute for teaching hours?

No. You can choose from the series of specially marked Community Education webinars available on the CPS Board website to complete this requirement. The available webinars vary in length from 20 minutes to 1 hour. To calculate your completed hours, you should round webinars to the nearest 15 minute and enter it in your profile. You will add webinars until the requirement is met.

Example:

| Webinar Time | Webinar Time Entered in Profile |
|---------------|---------------------------------|
| 0 | 5 |
| 15-29 minutes | 0.5 hours |
| 30-44 minutes | 0.75 hours |
| 45-60 minutes | 1 hour |
| 61-74 minutes | 1.25 hours |

