

# *Mechanic Evaluation & Certification for Healthcare*



**To:** All MECH Certificate Holders  
**From:** MECH  
**Date:** July 2007  
**Re: Recertification Announcement**

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MECH is embarking on a new era of accountability for the Mechanic Evaluation and Certification for Healthcare (MECH) program. This is being accomplished through the recent revision of the certification test to reflect changes in technology and responsibilities of healthcare mechanics. MECH is also requiring that all Certified and Senior Certified mechanics renew their certification through education and training.

## **Background**

In September of 2006, the new certification test was published. All mechanics that have taken the new Certified and Senior Certified Mechanic test are being required to recertify 5 years from their certificate anniversary date.

Certified mechanics should remember that once they can demonstrate 4 years of service as a healthcare mechanic, they are eligible to take the Senior Certified mechanic test.

## **Recertification**

Recertification can be accomplished in one of two ways:

- 1) Prior to your expiration date, take the certification test again (pay the appropriate fee at that time) and meet the cut-score requirement.
- 2) Or, document a minimum of 6 hours of training per year for a total of 30 hours over 5 years, verified by the Facilities Manager in writing and include the certification fee.

The object of recertification is to enhance and document professional growth. MECH felt that it was important to have a recertification program in order to have a formalized system of continual recognition for Healthcare Mechanics. Recertification requirements of other certification programs are more stringent and require such things as CEU's (Continuing Education Units), specific training courses offered by the certifying organization and more. MECH has instead, developed a recertification process that is easy to attain.

## **Action Required**

All current certificate holders are required to recertify. As a way to establish the recertification program for all former certificate holders, MECH is offering an Early Recertification Registration. There is to be a staggered schedule for recertification for those MECH Certified and Senior Certified mechanics that have been certified prior to September 2006. Staggered recertification means that if a certified mechanic registers early, their registration for recertification will be taken in order (by time stamp) to fill the limited number of mechanics who will be able to delay recertification. Staggered recertification process will work in the following way:

1. The first 200 certificate holders who respond to MECH, based on this announcement, will be allowed 6 years, to recertify. The first 200 who respond will recertify during the year 2013.

2. The second, or next 300 certificate holders who respond, will have the standard 5 years and will recertify in 2012.
3. The third group, or second group of 300 certificate holders who respond, will have 4 years to recertify, during 2011.
4. The remainder of MECH Certified mechanics who respond will have 3 years to recertify and will recertify during the year 2010.

**TO RESPOND** and be counted, you must do one of the following:

- A. The first and easiest way to time-stamp your registration is to go online. Use the MECH Recertification Registration Form that can be found at [www.mech-certification.org](http://www.mech-certification.org) .
- B. ***Use the following only if you are having difficulty with the online Recertification Form.*** Send an email to MECH providing your full name, last 4 digits of your Social Security Number, residential mailing address, healthcare institution name, mailing address, and institution phone number. Email to: [mech@netonecom.net](mailto:mech@netonecom.net) (**please note that you cannot call to recertify**).

#### **Closing Comments**

Please keep in mind that you can recertify at any time before your certification anniversary date. However, you will not be required to enter the recertification program until your designated year. Your recertification is based also on the month of the year. Recertification during a given year means that you are required to recertify during that year and before the anniversary month of your certificate that year.

Details of the simple, low cost, MECH recertification process will be shared with you in subsequent communications. We will also share other MECH news and update you on interesting information about the MECH program.

If you have any questions, please contact us at this email address: [mech@netonecom.net](mailto:mech@netonecom.net) . You can also include a question in a postal note to us, or you may contact us by phone at 616-662-1315.

We look forward to your continued participation in the MECH program and your continued recognition as a Certified or Senior Certified Healthcare Mechanic.

Sincerely,

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