

RE: TWO NEW POLICIES: SR/WA COMPREHENSIVE EXAMS & ETHICS COURSES FOR RECERTIFICATION

CORRECTION TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT BELOW:

Comprehensive exam taken and passed by December 31, 2011 can still be used to meet the capstone exam requirement.

Hello Chapter PDC Chairs and Chapter Presidents,

The IPDC and the IEC have announced a decision which will affect all candidates and certified members:

* Effective January 1, 2012, there will be new SR/WA Comprehensive Exams that will be more difficult, with more questions, and with a shorter time to complete.

In the effort to raise the bar on credentialing and as a process of continuous improvement, the IPDC have contracted with a subject matter expert for the purpose of reviewing and updating the SR/WA comprehensive exams. There will be 4 new versions of the exam, Exam A and Exam B for both U.S and Canadian candidates. The new exams will be completed and ready to launch beginning January 1, 2012. A pilot session will be chosen before the end of this year. More details will be announced at a later date.

Comprehensive exam taken and passed by December 31, 2010 can still be used to meet the capstone exam requirement.

* Effective July 1, 2012, only IRWA ethics courses – 103, Ethics and the Right of Way Profession or 104, Standards of Practice for the Right of Way Professionals may be applied towards the ethics requirement for recertification. Non-IRWA ethics courses previously approved for recertification credit will no longer count.

Please note that previously, the IPDC had approved the following non-IRWA ethics courses:

1. Business Practice and Ethics, from the Appraisal Institute
2. Professional Practice Seminar, formerly known as the “Standards Seminar” from the Appraisal Institute of Canada

If you are in your current recertification cycle, and wish to use one of these to meet your ethics requirement for re-certification, you must complete the course before July 1, 2012.

PLEASE FORWARD THIS MESSAGE TO YOUR CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP IMMEDIATELY.

Thank you

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