

Evidence Required for Recertification: Library Cases

The requirements for recertification of CTCA registration allow candidates to include 'library cases' for one third of the logbook cases to be evidenced. This allowance has been made to provide an avenue for CTCA specialists to supplement any shortfall in live case experience for recertification, and to make provision for practitioners who may suspend their CTCA practice due to sabbatical leave, family circumstances or other reasons; however, it is noted that the Committee purposefully determined that the majority of cases must demonstrate ongoing live case experience where the CTCA specialist is the clinician responsible for the outcome of the CTCA examination and report.

As recertification will be commencing for some CTCA specialists in late 2012, the Committee seeks to clarify what evidence will be required for recertification in relation to library cases:

Registered CTCA Specialists will need to renew their registration on a triennial basis. This will require evidence of ongoing competency, as detailed below:

1. Level A CTCA Specialist re-certification of registration

300 examinations within the 3-year period substantiated in the CTCA recertification logbook template

- 30 of these cases must be correlated.
- **A maximum of 100 of these 300 cases may be achieved via library cases or accredited courses.**
- Submitted cases will be subject to random audit

2. Level B CTCA Specialist re-certification of registration

600 examinations within the 3-year period substantiated in the CTCA recertification logbook template

- 50 of these cases must be correlated.
- **A maximum of 200 of these 600 cases may be achieved via library cases or accredited courses.**
- Submitted cases will be subject to random audit.

Logbook information must be submitted in the Conjoint Committee's Recertification Logbook in .xls or .xlsx format, and NOT scanned to PDF or other type of image file.

Inclusion of library cases indicates that the CTCA Specialist's exposure to live clinical cases is restricted, and therefore these library cases must be substantiated appropriately in order to provide assurance that they have been subject to full work-up by the recertification candidate. As such, where a CTCA recertification candidate's logbook includes library cases, these library cases must be substantiated by either:

1. A statement of mentorship or attestation by a Level B CTCA specialist who has mentored the candidate and/or personally sighted the documentation of interpretation of the relevant library cases by the recertification candidate¹; or
2. A certificate confirming that the relevant library cases were performed in a CTCA course or practice setting as defined in the Glossary set out in Table 2 below.

Library cases included in recertification logbooks that have been performed from 1 July 2011 onwards will not be accepted without accompanying evidence as set out above.

Table 2

Live Cases	<p>For initial registration: Cases where the Specialist is physically present for all components of the examination: consulting the patient, observing the acquisition and intervening as required, then personally interpreting the study from raw data.</p> <p>For recertification: Cases where the Registered CTCA Specialist is one of up to two reporting registered CTCA specialists, and is readily available to influence the conduct of the examination, by personal attendance if necessary. The CTCA specialist's name must appear on the report for each live case claimed by the CTCA Specialist for recertification.</p> <p>The Conjoint Committee does not recognise video / taped (SCCT Category A1) cases as live.</p> <p>Live cases declared as non-course live cases which are performed contemporaneous to a course will not be accepted.</p>
Library Cases	Blind cases with correlation, worked up on a workstation from raw data
CTCA Course	Structured course delivering certified training in the performance and interpretation of CTCA examinations (such as SCCT accredited courses).
Practice Setting	Structured, formally recognised cardiac or cardiothoracic imaging fellowship program which includes didactic education in CTCA.

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¹ Documentation of interpretation will be requested from the recertification candidate in the case of random audit by the Conjoint Committee.