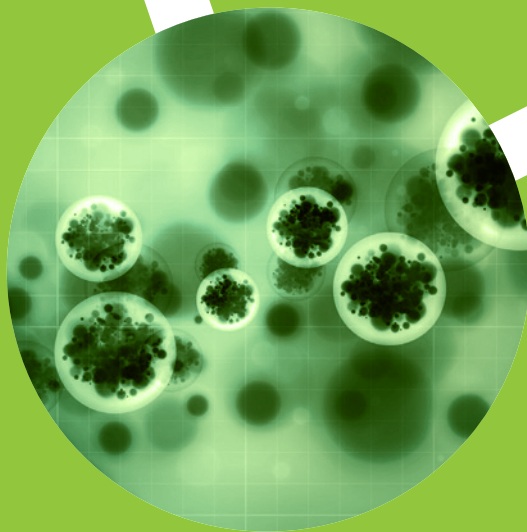


Re-Credentialling Guide



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Foreword



There is a growing body of evidence demonstrating a direct correlation between patient outcomes and the extent to which infection prevention and control programs led and staffed by Infection Control Professionals who hold professional certification or credentialing and have a combination of comprehensive experience and formal training. Put simply, patient outcomes are better in health services where infection control programs are led by Infection Control Professionals who hold specialist certification or credentialing.

The Australasian College of Infection Prevention and Control (ACIPC) recognises this evidence and has moved it into practice. Our existing single-tier re-credentialing framework for expert infection control professionals has been revised in light of the growing evidence and expanded to all infection control professionals across three new tiers.

The new three-tiered re-credentialing framework combines the requirements for experience and education and training together with peer review. This approach builds on the College's longstanding and successful credentialing and re-credentialing framework and provides a clear career pathway for health professionals seeking a career in our discipline.

The new ACIPC Re-credentialing Framework is for everyone, whether you are new to the profession or have been practising for some time. There is something for everyone in the College's new credentialing framework.

On behalf of the ACIPC Board of Directors and the Credentialing and Professional Standards Committee, I commend the new ACIPC Re-credentialing Framework to you.

Professor Marilyn Cruickshank CICP-E

President

Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control Ltd

The credentialing process provides me with the opportunity to reflect on my practice as a rural and sole ICP. By being credentialed this gives me confidence in the service provision I provide to my consumers in a variety of settings.

Nicole Vause CICP,
South Australia

The ACIPC credentialing process is a remarkable opportunity for any specialist nurse who works in an Infection Control role. It is also a self audit tool and once achieved, I believe you can truly say "I am an Infection Control Professional (ICP)".

Kellie Kenway CICP,
Queensland

I chose to apply for ACIPC credentialing to validate my expertise as an infection control technical expert. I firmly believe that as an expert you should have a balance of tertiary qualifications and relevant work experience. It is definitely worth investing in and joining the elite group of recognized infection control experts.

Sharon Salmon CICP,
Singapore



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P

Primary Re-Credentialed Infection Control Professional (CICP – P)

The Primary CICP demonstrates the knowledge, attributes and behaviours in infection control at a basic level. They have participatory responsibility for infection control in their setting. They would defer to the expertise of an Advanced or Expert ICP and/or fulfil some infection control responsibility in accordance with specific legislation and standards of practice. This may include hand hygiene auditing, acting as a link nurse, or a person who is involved in reprocessing reusable equipment. It is expected that they will routinely practice in accordance with relevant guidelines and the best available evidence, and actively seek the advice of Advanced and Expert CICPs in applying core principles to new, unfamiliar or challenging circumstances.

A

Advanced Re-Credentialed Infection Control Professional (CICP – A)

The Advanced CICP demonstrates the knowledge, attributes and behaviours in infection control at an advanced level. They have leadership responsibility for one or more elements of an infection control program in their setting. They would defer to an Expert ICP for guidance and oversight in co-ordinating an entire program. It is expected that they will act as role models to Primary ICPs and practise in accordance with relevant guidelines and the best available evidence, and actively seek the advice of Expert CICPs in applying core principles to new, unfamiliar or challenging circumstances.

E

Expert Re-Credentialed Infection Control Professional (CICP – E)

The Expert CICP demonstrates the knowledge, attributes and behaviours at an expert level. They plan, implement, review and evaluate comprehensive infection control programs. They take a leadership role in terms of research and knowledge generation and contribute to the evolution of the discipline of infection control. They act as role model and mentor to Primary and Advanced ICPs and in accordance with relevant guidelines and the best available evidence, and work collaboratively with other Expert CICPs in applying core principles to challenging circumstances and generating new evidence for practice.



Which level is right for me?

P

Primary Re-Credentialed Infection Control Professional (CICP – P)

RELEVANT VOCATIONS

Nurses, Doctors, Scientists, Dentists, Epidemiologists, Veterinarians, Allied Health Professionals, Public Health and Environmental Health Professionals, Child Care Workers, Pharmacists, Occupational Health Industry Representatives, Midwives, Ambulance Paramedics, Defence Health Workers, Personal Care Professionals (tattooists, hairdressers, piercers etc.), Funeral Attendants, others on a case-by-case.

REQUIREMENTS

- Current financial membership of ACIPC
- Working >12 months part time in infection prevention and control where an aspect of infection control was an explicit focus of your role.

COST

Cost on application.

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Advanced Re-Credentialed Infection Control Professional (CICP – A)

Registered Nurses, Doctors, Scientists, Epidemiologists, Dentists, Veterinarians, Pharmacists, Midwives, Ambulance Paramedics, others on a case-by-case.

- Current financial membership of ACIPC
- Working >3 years part time in infection prevention and control where infection control was a major focus of your role.

Cost on application.

E

Expert Re-Credentialed Infection Control Professional (CICP – E)

Registered Nurses, Doctors, Midwives, Ambulance Paramedics, others on a case-by-case.

- Current financial membership of ACIPC
- Working >5 years in infection prevention and control where infection control was the primary purpose of your role.

Cost on application.

ROLE AND PRACTICE

Describe how your practice and role since the last credential was awarded, demonstrates that you have maintained an active scope of practice as Primary CICP in one of the following areas:

- a) Specific outbreak situation;
- b) Infection control quality improvement activity;
- c) Infection control policy/procedure development/implementation/review;
- d) Education project and activities;
- e) One or more elements of the infection control program.

MENTORING AND NETWORKING

Demonstrate how your networking with Primary CICP peers and mentoring from Advanced and Expert CICP and other colleagues has supported your growth as ICP since the last credentialing application.

GIVING BACK

Describe how your practice and role since the last credential was last awarded, demonstrates how you have maintained an active scope of practice as an Advanced CICP and led one element of the infection control program in one of the following areas:

- a) Outbreak management;
- b) Quality improvement activity;
- c) Policy and procedure development/implementation/review
- d) Education project and activities
- e) Governance;
- f) Other program element.

Demonstrate how your networking with other Advanced CICP peers and mentoring from Expert CICP and other colleagues has influenced your growth as an ICP since the last credentialing application.

Describe how you actively contribute to the profession and the College through a range of professional activities that include, but are not limited to, active committee membership, research, conference presentation and demonstrate your improved/enhanced professional standing as an Advanced CICP. In doing so identify and reflect on your area/s of expertise as Advanced CICP.

Describe your leadership of an infection control program, and how your leadership of the program has facilitated:

- a) Development of the role of ICP;
- b) Generation and promulgation of new knowledge;
- c) Enhancement of the professional standing and practice of infection control.

Demonstrate how your networking with other Expert CICP peers and mentoring from Expert CICP and other colleagues has influenced your growth since the last credentialing application.

Describe your sustained contribution to the profession and the College through a range of professional activities that include, but are not limited to, committee leadership, research leadership, publications, establishing mentoring networks and demonstrate your improved/enhanced professional standing as an Expert CICP. In doing so identify and reflect on your area/s of expertise as an Expert CICP.

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