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Pennsylvania Recovery  
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## *Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)*

**Q What are the requirements to become a Certified Recovery Specialist (CRS)?**

**A** The requirements to become a CRS can be found on page 2 of the [CRS application](#).

**Q How much does it cost to become a CRS?**

**A** The cost for each training session or training series is dependent on the agency hosting the session or series and the funding they have available.

**Q How often are trainings held?**

**A** Collectively, training sessions and series can be found throughout the year in different regions of the state. Some agencies may only host individual sessions, while others may host a training series once a year or multiple times each year.

**Q Where can I find trainings?**

**A** To locate trainings, you may visit the [Pennsylvania Certification Board \(PCB\)](#) website for a list of approved trainings.

You may also locate trainings on [The Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs \(DDAP\) Training Management System](#). You must create an account or log into an existing account to view and search for trainings on this site.

**Q I can't find any trainings; how can I receive notification when trainings become available?**

**A** If you would like to be added to a PRO•A training request list you may contact the Program Coordinator, Marianna Horowitz, by phone at 717-545-8929 x1 or by email at [mhorowitz@pro-a.org](mailto:mhorowitz@pro-a.org).



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**Q How do I know what trainings to take?**

**A** Other than Confidentiality and Ethics training sessions there are no specific trainings you are required to attend. Rather, you will need to complete 54 hours of education in specific domains. For more information on the tasks and skills to be covered in these domains you may view the [Candidate Guide for Certified Recovery Specialists](#).

**Q How can I prepare myself for the exam?**

**A** The training sessions you attend should prepare you in a general way for the exam. The exam will be based on critical thinking and applied knowledge. To find information on tasks you should be able to complete, knowledge sets and skill fields, as well as sample questions, see the [Candidate Guide for Certified Recovery Specialists](#).

**Q How do I schedule my exam?**

**A** You may view the [PCB Guide for Certification](#) for a checklist and general information on applying. After meeting the requirements, found on page 2 of the CRS application, you will need to complete a CRS application and submit it to the Pennsylvania Certification Board (PCB).

**Q Where can I get the Certified Recovery Specialist application?**

**A** You can view and print the CRS application [here](#).

**Q What do I need to do to recertify?**

**A** For information on recertification please visit the [Pennsylvania Certification Board Website](#). You may submit your application online through their website or you can download and complete the [Recertification Application](#) and submit via mail.

**Q How do I contact the Pennsylvania Certification Board (PCB)?**

**A** You can contact the PCB by phone at 717-540- 4455 or by email at [info@pacertboard.org](mailto:info@pacertboard.org).