

## Get Recertified <sup>[1]</sup>

Why you should maintain your CMSRN credential



Recertification reaffirms your competence, and brings a renewed freshness to your confidence and credibility. It is the next step in a career-long process that assures medical-surgical patients of your commitment to promoting positive patient outcomes.

Begin planning for recertification soon after you've earned your Certified Medical-Surgical Registered Nurse (CMSRN®) credential. CMSRN certification is valid for 5 years.

Be sure to remain part of the CMSRN community! You are a significant part of a nationally recognized specialty.

## Get Recertified by Continuing Education

### Eligibility Criteria <sup>[2]</sup>

You are eligible if you:

- Hold a current medical-surgical nursing certification and
- Hold a current RN license or foreign equivalent and
- Have accrued 1000 practice hours in a med-surg setting in the last 5 years and
- Have earned 90 contact hours in the last 5 years

### Application Fees <sup>[3]</sup>

Regular \$275

AMSN member \$175


### Plan & Apply with the CMSRN Tracker <sup>[4]</sup>

- Know your certification expiration date and [application deadlines](#). <sup>[5]</sup>
- Self-report your contact hours continuously throughout your five year certification period. [List of acceptable contact hour activities](#) <sup>[6]</sup>.
- Self-reported contact hours are manually reviewed so allow up to 10 business days for verification status updates.
- Apply for recertification right from your Tracker when all eligibility criteria are met.

## Plan for Your Recertification

MSNCB recommends arranging your recertification plan soon after certification. [Learn more](#). <sup>[7]</sup>

## CMSRN Recertification & Exam Exemption Guide

[Download this handy guide](#)  <sup>[8]</sup> for all you need to know about CMSRN recertification.

## Get Recertified by Exam

Candidates may test up to one (1) year in advance of the expiration of current certification. All criteria for the

certification examination must be met and a test application form and appropriate fees paid 30 days prior to certification expiration date. Learn all you need to know about taking the CMSRN exam with [Steps to Certification](#) [9].

### Medical-Surgical Nursing Certification Board (MSNCB)

Box 56  
Pitman NJ 08071-0056  
[msncb@msncb.org](mailto:msncb@msncb.org)  
866-877-2676

#### Quick Links

- [Our Policies](#)
- [Privacy/Data Collection](#)
- [Site Map](#)
- [Search](#)

com.realmagnet.MagnetLeads.init('SGsEOIT1bk2UJmGK7u9og'); com.realmagnet.MagnetLeads.visitPage();

#### Affiliate Organizations

- [Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses \(AMSN\)](#)
- [American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing \(AAACN\)](#)
- [Center for Nursing Education & Testing \(C-NET\)](#)

Copyright ©2019, Medical-Surgical Nursing Certification Board (MSNCB).

No materials, including graphics, may be reused, modified, or reproduced without written permission.

---

**Source URL (modified on May 31, 2018):** <https://msncb.org/medical-surgical/get-recertified>  
**Links**

- [1] <https://msncb.org/medical-surgical/get-recertified>
- [2] <https://msncb.org/medical-surgical/get-recertified/eligibility-requirements>
- [3] <https://msncb.org/medical-surgical/get-recertified/fees>
- [4] <https://msncb.org/medical-surgical/get-recertified/track-your-contact-hours>
- [5] <https://msncb.org/medical-surgical/get-recertified/apply-recertification>
- [6] <https://msncb.org/medical-surgical/get-recertified/contact-hour-activities>
- [7] <https://msncb.org/medical-surgical/get-recertified/planning-recertification>
- [8] [https://msncb.org/files/recert\\_ee\\_application.pdf](https://msncb.org/files/recert_ee_application.pdf)
- [9] <https://msncb.org/medical-surgical/get-certified/steps-certification>