Frequently Asked Questions About the Certified Laser Hair Removal Professional® (CLHRP®) Exam

1. What is the CLHRP and for whom is it written?

The CLHRP is intended for anyone who practices laser hair removal, including, but not limited to, physicians, physician assistants, medical estheticians and electrologists. Remember that hair removal laws supersede any certification, so be sure to know the hair removal laws in your state.

2. What are the eligibility requirements of becoming CLHRP-certified?

To take the CLHRP exam, you must first complete education and/or training as required by law in the state in which you plan to practice. Experience in and/or knowledge of other hair removal modalities is a plus. Please remember to check with the proper department or board in your state to be sure that the laws in your jurisdiction allow you to use a laser for hair removal.

3. What should I expect from the exam?

The CLHRP consists of 100 multiple-choice questions. Content assessments for this exam is available in the exam study guide, by contacting the home office, or on SCMHR's website. Practicing electrologists, physicians, nurses and educators from the United States and Canada developed the exam questions. The ICHRC hand-picked these exam writers based on their expertise in the field.

This exam is available online at over 125 Prov® testing centers throughout the United States.

4. Are study materials available for this exam?

The areas tested include knowledge and skill you develop from being in practice, as well as those learned from training. If you are a good practitioner and have had appropriate training, you should have no difficulty passing the examination. The examination is designed to recognize competent practitioners. A CLHRP Certification Preparation Study Guide is available for purchase for \$125, and includes an online certification review webinar.

5. After I take the exam, how will I know the results?

You will find out your exam score moments after completing the online exam. A certificate will be mailed to those who pass the exam within two weeks.

6. Does my certification expire?

Certification expires five years after the date of the original certification. You must recertify every five years by either retaking the examination or by accumulating and registering 7.5 (75 hours) of SCMHR-approved CEUs.

7. What does CEU stand for?

CEU stands for "continuing education unit". One CEU is equal to 10 contact hours of participation in an organized continuing education course given by qualified instructors and pertaining to the hair removal field. Up to 2.4 CEUs (24 hours) may be home studies. CEU certificates should be mailed, faxed or emailed to the home office within six months of completion. CEUs will NOT be recorded without the proper documentation.

8. What is the purpose of the recertification requirements?

SCMHR enforces these requirements to ensure that each certified person obtains current information in professional development, explores new knowledge in specific content areas, masters new skills and techniques, and conducts his or her professional practice in a safe and ethical manner.

9. How can I be recertified?

You must either meet the CEU requirements or pass the current applicable examination. You must submit application for recertification (along with fee) at least 2 weeks before your certification expires. SCMHR members who participate in two or more live SCMHR-sponsored webinars during their five-year recertification period may waive the fee if recertifying with CEUs.