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Guide to CPHIMS-CA Renewal and Maintenance

Two renewal options

To renew your Certified Professional in Healthcare Information and Management Systems–Canada (CPHIMS-CA) credential, you can:

OPTION 1	Rewrite and pass both the CPHIMS and the CA exams.
or	
OPTION 2	Obtain 60 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) during your renewal cycle (three years). <i>This option is available to you if your credential is in good standing. If your credential has expired, you must re-take and pass the exams (OPTION 1).</i>

Breakdown of Continuing Education Units

The 60 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) that must be obtained during your three-year renewal cycle must consist of:

HIMSS	25	Minimum of 25 hours from HIMSS or HIMSS Approved Provider. <i>HIMSS is currently waiving its 25 hour minimum and will accept 25 hours from other acceptable activities.</i>
DIGITAL HEALTH CANADA	10	Minimum of 25 hours from Digital Health Canada events, webinars, courses, or certificates.
OTHER	25	Maximum of 25 hours from other providers, five hours of which must be specific to Canadian healthcare information and management systems.
ETHICS	2	A minimum of two hours of continuing education related to ethics or conflicts of interest. <i>This requirement is currently waived.</i>

IMPORTANT FACTS

Obtaining the credential requires passing two exams: CPHIMS and CA.

Your credential must be renewed every three years.

You must complete 60 hours of applicable continuing education within the three-year renewal cycle.

You are responsible for tracking your own hours (this can be done via the [HIMSS portal](#)).

Calculating CEUs

Calculation of CEUs is based upon clock hours. One CE hour is awarded for each 60 minutes of attendance or participation. Fractional parts of an hour will be considered for partial credit hours.

30 MINUTES = .5 CE HOUR	90 MINUTES = 1.5 CE HOUR
60 MINUTES = 1.0 CE HOUR	120 MINUTES = 2.0 CE HOUR

Tracking your progress

You are responsible for tracking your continuing education hours. You can keep track of your CEU credits via the [HIMSS portal](#). Download the PDF *HIMSS Step-by-Step Guide to Managing Online Continuing Education Units* [here](#).

Credential reinstatement

If your credential has expired, you must retake and pass the two required exams (CPHIMS and CA) in order to be reinstated.

Waivers and extensions

Written requests for extensions or waivers must be submitted at least three months before your renewal date to certification@himss.org.

Other resources

<https://www.himss.org/resources/certification-continuing-education>

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Non-qualifying activities

Activities that fall within the normal parameters of your job description do not qualify for CE hours. These activities include but are not limited to:

- Staff meetings, grand rounds, or tours
- Preparation for and/or participation in accreditation and licensure surveys
- Preparation of procedure, policy or administrative manuals
- Participation in career day activities
- Development of employee and staff training materials, published materials, and/or presentations as a direct part of your employment
- Instructing or teaching a class
- Summarizing articles, audiotapes, or video

Digital Health Canada Events

Digital Health Canada webinars and conferences qualify for CEUs; visit the [events calendar](#) to register. Visit [CPHIMS-CA Renewal and Maintenance](#) to see how many CEUs you can earn at each Digital Health Canada event.

Continuing Education Providers

Digital Health Canada partners with select organizations that offer courses, events, or workshops with relevant digital health content. These recognized Continuing Education Providers are excellent sources for earning CEUs. Find a complete list of Continuing Education Providers on our [website](#).



CONTINUING EDUCATION Educational programs on topics relevant to healthcare information and management systems. Approved topics include: The Canadian Healthcare System; Clinical and Health Services; Information Management; Information Technology; Analysis and Evaluation; Project Management; Organizational and Behavioural Management.

Continuing education	60 minutes = 1 CE hour
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ACADEMIC CREDIT Participation in formal educational programs that address relevant healthcare information and management system subject areas.

Post-secondary healthcare information and management systems course attended for credit, guided independent study, college or university course	60 minutes = 1 CE hour
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Audit of academic course or relevant non-credit adult education course	60 minutes = 1 CE hour
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PRESENTATION The development of original work, relevant to healthcare information and management systems professionals, delivered to an audience

Primary author of content related to healthcare information and management systems used in e-learning and/or other media	15 minutes = 1 CE hour
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Panel participant at an educational program	60 minutes = 1 CE hour
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Guest lecturer for a college/university course	15 minutes = 1 CE hour
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Speaker at an educational program	15 minutes = 1 CE hour
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PUBLICATION The development of original work, relevant to healthcare information and management systems professionals, reproduced by written or electronic means for dissemination to the public. You must be the author or co-author.

Book	= 20 CE hours
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Book chapter	= 15 CE hour
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Article published in a peer-reviewed journal	= 5 CE hour
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Article published in a professional newsletter	= 3 CE hours
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PROFESSIONAL SERVICE Volunteer service with an international, national, state, provincial or local professional organization/society (e.g. board of directors, task force, committees).

One year of professional service	= 5 CE hours
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ITEM WRITING Item writing for the CPHIMS or CA Exams. Earn CE hours pre-determined by HIMSS or Digital Health Canada respectively.



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