

FOCUS ON CRA



RACC Announces New CRA-Retired Status

The Radiology Administration Certification Commission (RACC) has created a new Certified Radiology Administrator-Retired (CRA-Retired)

status to allow CRAs who have retired from the field of imaging administration to maintain a connection to the CRA credential.

The program was created in response to requests from CRAs. Earning CRA certification is an impressive achievement and one that many CRAs work very hard for and are exceptionally proud of.

Beyond its use as validation of a set of skills and knowledge and a tool in the workplace, the CRA credential stands as proof that the individual CRA has achieved a high standard and met the challenge required to become a CRA. Even after career shifts and retirements have altered the professional benefits of maintaining CRA certification, for many CRAs, there remains great pride in having achieved the CRA credential and having been part of a program that brings validation to the imaging management profession.

How is being a CRA-Retired different from being a CRA?

The most important difference between CRA and CRA-Retired is that CRA-Retired status *is not* a certification program. Because of the nature of the program, the RACC can make no claims on the ability of any individual holding CRA-Retired status to meet professional standards for the performance of radiology administration.

But, CRA-Retired is a program designed to give individuals who

are no longer in a position to use the CRA credential as an avenue to continue to show their support for the program and their pride in having earned the CRA.

To individuals with CRA-Retired status, this means they can use the CRA-Retired designation with pride and they are not required to fulfill continuing education requirements as they would to maintain CRA credentialing.

Additionally, CRA-Retired individuals are not eligible to vote in RACC elections or serve on the RACC, in accordance with RACC policy and procedure.

An individual with CRA-Retired status may reinstate to full active CRA status only by retaking the CRA examination with a passing score.

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How can a CRA apply for CRA-Retired status?

A CRA in good standing who is no longer actively working in the field of imaging management is eligible to apply for CRA-Retired status by submitting a signed CRA-Retired

application and agreement form along with the CRA-Retired renewal fee (currently \$75 for each 3-year triennium).

An individual whose CRA status has expired may apply for CRA-Retired status within 90 days of expiration of the certification period (exceptions to this requirement have been made only during the initial program roll-out period).

Applications and complete program guidelines are available on the CRA Web site at www.crainfo.org under the CRA Renewal tab. ■