

Over 17,000 Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists were identified by the National Board on Certification and Recertification (NBCRNA) as eligible to apply for 2011-2013 recertification. To ensure that CRNAs were well informed about the upcoming recertification process, the NBCRNA provided consistent communications, including a collaborative NBCRNA/AANA mailing in December 2010; an article in the January AANA Bulletin; information packets mailed in March; e-blast reminders throughout the recertification application period; and the placement of ongoing information on the NBCRNA website and Facebook pages.

On April 4, 2011, the online recertification application (“ORA”) portal was opened and the 2011-2013 recertification application period officially began. Recertification fees consisted of a \$100 Application Fee; \$300 CE Evaluation Fee for CRNAs who were required to document continuing education credit, and a \$500 Reinstatement Fee, assessed for applications submitted after the July 31, 2011 deadline.

Of 17,416 eligible CRNAs, 98% (17,023) were recertified prior to July 31, as compared to 96% for the 2010-2012 recertification period. To date, the NBCRNA has received 17,226 applications, over 97% of them submitted electronically. Of the 17,188 CRNAs recertified, 143 were issued an interim status of recertification, Conditional and/or Provisional. Since January 2011, 8 recertifications have been revoked.

Paper Applications Received	Electronic Applications Received	Total Applications Received	Total Applications Approved	Applications Approved Prior to July 31	Applications Approved after July 31
504 (3%)	16,722 (97%)	17,226	17,188	17,023 (98% of eligible)	165 (>1% of eligible)

Recertification Status	Total Recertified
Full Recertification	17,045
Conditional	24
Conditional/Provisional Pending Fulfillment of Practice Requirement	11
Provisional Pending Fulfillment of Practice Requirement	66
Provisional Pending Outcome of Investigation	16
Provisional Pending Completion of Treatment Program	22
Provisional Pending Fulfillment of Practice/Completion of Treatment Program	4
Revocation	8

The post-application Satisfaction Survey showed that 98% of CRNAs who participated in the survey agreed that the electronic notification and directions were easy to follow and that the electronic recertification process was easy to use. In answer to the question “overall, I was satisfied with my electronic experience” 95% of respondents agreed.