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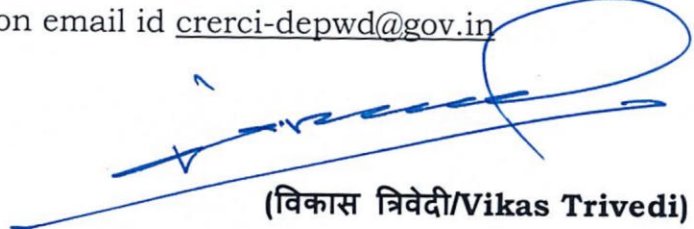
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सार्वजनिक सूचना/Public Notice

The Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) approves to conduct Continuing Rehabilitation Education (CRE) programme (through online/off-line mode) to the institutions. The objective of the CRE programme is to upgrade the knowledge and skill of the rehabilitation professional registered in Central Rehabilitation Register (CRR) of RCI U/S 19 the RCI Act 1992.

The Council regularly reviews the norms and guidelines of CRE programme to keep it abreast with the current trends & norms on the subject. Accordingly, the Council has conducted meeting of experts to review the existing norms and guidelines in vogue of CRE programme. The same was also discussed in the 95th meeting of Executive Committee held on 21.02.2025. The proposed new CRE norms which are likely to be implemented w.e.f. 01.04.2025 are hereby circulated for wider consultation/public opinion.

All concerned are requested to submit comment/suggestion, if any, to this Council latest by 21.03.2025 on email id crerci-depwd@gov.in

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Exiting Norms & Guideline for CRE	Decision taken and modification recommended in bold
• RCI is responsible for the development, standardization and monitoring of training programs in the field of disability rehabilitation and special education. It is mandatory to register in Central Rehabilitation Register (CRR) of RCI to work in the field of disability. After registration, RCI	• No Change

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has the additional responsibility to ensure that professionals/personnel in these fields to update and upgrade their knowledge and skills on a continuing basis through Continuing Rehabilitation Education (CRE) program. The objectives of CRE programs, and the norms / guidelines for conducting CRE programs are enumerated below:

- **Objectives**
- To upgrade the knowledge and skills of in-service and practicing rehabilitation professionals/personnel, registered with the RCI u/s 19 of the RCI Act of 1992.
- To update professional knowledge and skills of master trainers working in the field of disability rehabilitation and special education.

Methodology of CRE program:

Online mode:
- The technology platform will be provided by RCI.
- All participants will pre-register (upto starting time of the webinar and login through mobile OTP verification, using the mobile number registered with CRR.
- Resource person(s) shall be arranged by Institute.
- Institute shall provide a set of Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ) topic wise from respective resource persons (@ 4questions per hour) maximum two days prior to the scheduled programme, which will be programmed by RCI before start of webinar and shall be displayed to audience at random time intervals during program.

- All participants shall answer them online. Evaluation sheet shall also be displayed online to participants immediately after the webinar is finished. The participants must score overall 70% or more to qualify for CRE points.
- Every online lecture shall typically consist of 45 min of lecture followed by 15 min of interaction with participants.

Methodology of CRE program:

Online mode:
- No Change

- No Change

- No Change

- Institute shall provide a set of Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ) topic wise (in word **format, as per approved programme** language) from respective resource persons (@ 4 questions per hour) maximum two days prior to the scheduled programme, which will be programmed by RCI

- RCI will also organize many CRE online programs directly. RCI may also collaborate with National Institutes/CRCs/RCs or any other agency to organize CRE programs.

Offline mode:

- For local/District levels, Institute shall organise CRE program, preferably in its premises or preferably in Special Schools of Inclusive School/College premises.
- High quality Resource person(s) will be arranged. A suitable evaluation shall be done by each resource person for each participant, based on which CRE points shall be granted.
- The questions will be of multiple choice based on the sessions conducted and not only based on the contents given through the PPT. The participants must score overall 70% or more to qualify for CRE points. RCI may provide a mobile App on which the participants will answer the questions. RCI will also organize many CRE offline programs directly. RCI may collaborate with National Institutes/CRCs/RCs or any other agency to organize CRE programs.
- **Experiential Mode:** (on pilot basis to be run directly by RCI) Apart from classroom type training, actual EXPERENTIAL learning by visiting Research institutes, hospitals, manufacturing units, Early Intervention centers, Anganwadis, educational institute, participation/ surveys in Government schemes like ADIP/ UDID, Skills, DDRS, etc, will be encouraged. Exposure to and working on field level Assistive Technology, assistive issues, Central and States Govt. Schemes, etc. will thus also count towards gaining CRE points.

Eligibility Conditions for Institutions/Organizations

- RCI's approved Training institutions having valid RCI approval.
- National level Professional Associations and/or any organization of national repute working for

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before start of webinar and shall be displayed to audience at random time intervals during program.

- No Change

- Every online lecture shall typically consist of 45 min of lecture followed by 15 min of interaction with participants. **Resource Persons may deliver maximum 3 lectures in a programme can be considered. Remuneration for resource persons/faculty @ Rs. 500/-per hour of lecture of Online Programme.**

- No Change.

Offline mode:

- No change

- Experience professional must be arranged as a Resource person. A suitable evaluation shall be done by each

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the empowerment of persons with disabilities with at least 3 years of experience and having valid society registration/trust/company registration.

- National Institute/CRC/RC shall normally not collaborate with any institute for any CRE program and shall conduct CRE in their own premises only. Every NI/CRC/RC shall submit their own application directly at RCI website following all CRE norms.

- For CRE status to any online/offline/Experiential program, proposal **on the website of RCI**shall be submitted at least 30 days in advance.

- ICT requirements for ONLINE mode (mandatorily on RCI webinar platform):
  - Ensuring adequate internet connectivity for online CRE at institute and participant levels
  - Arrange proper camera, speaker, mic enabled desktop/ laptop for delivery of talk, for each speaker. The lighting should be proper and there should be no background noise.
  - All accessibility/ adaptation features to be ensured by Institute so that any PwD participants will have no difficulties
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  - Institute to ensure necessary technical support to the resource persons, if required.

General Guidelines:

- Topics on which CRE programs can be

resource person for each participant, based on which CRE points shall be granted.

- The questions will be of multiple choice based on the sessions conducted and not only based on the contents given through the PPT. The participants must score overall 60% or more to qualify for CRE points.

- No Change.

Eligibility Conditions for Institutions/ Organizations

- No Change.

- National level Professional Associations or any organization **offering RCI approved courses for 3 years or above and having**

conducted should be all chosen from the topics listed on the CRE form available on RCI website. However, institutions are free to conduct CRE programs on topics which may not be in these lists, but institutions have to fully justify the need for such a CRE program, such as:

- Topics on the latest development in the field of disability , various legislative provisions, like UNCRPD, RPWD Act 2016 , RCI Act 1992, National Trust Act 1999, RTE Act 2007, various schemes and programmes of the DEPwD (Barrier free/accessible environment guidelines of Ministry of Housing & Urban affairs 2021, SIPDA,UDID, ADIP, NHFDC, DDRS,DDRC etc), NEP 2020, National Credit framework, National curriculum framework, employability skills for PwDs, UGC guidelines on online education, important legal decisions of various Hon'ble courts pertaining to disability sector, Important notifications of regulating bodies like DoSEL, UGC, NCTE, NCERT, AICTE, NCVET etc can be topics of CRE. In addition to this, Protection of Children from Sexual Offenses Act (POCSO Act, 2012) to be included to generate awareness in this matter.
- RCI also promotes CRE programs on emerging areas like use of artificial intelligence in disability sector, new pedagogy practices, best practices in teaching and clinic, hands on training on products/assistive devices pertaining to disabilities, Employment avenues ,entrepreneurship skills, research and developments in emerging areas, research methodologies, visit of minimum 4 hours to factories involved in production of assistive devices, aids & appliances, National Institutes of DEPwD, CRCs, DDRS/DDRCs and other renowned institutes of eminence, early intervention centres, hospitals, online tours of foreign factories and online interactions with foreign professionals or Institutes (min 2 hours), etc.
- RCI approved institutions may conduct ordinarily a maximum of 04 CRE programs (2 online and 2 off line) within a financial year, provided report of the CRE programmes are submitted to the Council before

valid society registration/trust/company, association registration.

- No Change, however, the **condition may be relaxed in the case of the State of Jammu & Kashmir and the North Eastern States (Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Sikkim, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland & Tripura); and the Institute is on the border of is in Inter National Border Areas of any state, remote areas may be relaxed all conditions.**

- **CRE Status proposal must be submitted at least 30 days in advance in the following format:**
  i. **Introduction,** ii. **Background,** iii. **Need of this programme,**
  iv. **Objective,** v. **Methodology,** vi. **Learning Outcome,**
  vii. **Evaluation process.**
- No change

- No change

- No change

- No change

commencement of another programme, and participants feedback is positive. National institutes and CRCs of DEPwD may conduct more number of programs.	• No change
• CRE points shall be awarded for hourly attendance basis by RCI at the rate of 1 CRE point per hour. However, Offline CRE program can be from a minimum of 1 hour to maximum 18 hours in total. (maximum 6 hours a day, and maximum 3 days duration for CRE program). Whereas, online CRE can be conducted for minimum 1 hour to maximum 4 hours only	• No change • **RCI must develop online CRE programme such as WHO with Aadhar card linked.** General Guidelines: • **List of CRE topics to be developed by the Committee and place on CRE portal** • **Need to revisit the topics as mentioned earlier, till the time existing topics will continue.**

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Selection of resource persons

- Selection of resource persons is also best left to the discretion/judgment of the organizing institution. However, the organizing institution shall ensure that the selected resource persons are experts and have a **proven record of expertise/skills/research output etc. The resource person should also be well versed on technology for online presentation in case of online programs.**
- If it is deemed that the experts and active professionals in different fields, outside the specializations under purview of RCI, can contribute significantly to the theme selected for the CRE, may be invited even if not having CRR number
- Non-governmental organizations conducting CRE webinars shall ensure that at least 50% of the resource persons are from **RCI recognised training institutions/ universities,** having active and **valid CRR number.**

- No change

Prescribed Intake of the CRE Workshop/Conference/Seminar:

- 1. For programs organized directly by RCI, these limits will not apply.
- 2. For Experiential / Field Visit category CRE programs, maximum limit will be 25 participants. However, on case-to-case basis, RCI may relax this limit.
- 3. Participant shall apply online on RCI's website for online / offline / experiential programs. This will be open only till start time of the CRE program. Nobody will be able to register after the program starts. Thus any walk-in participants have to report well in time to ensure that their registration is done before the start of the program.

- RCI approved institutions and national associations in the field of disability may conduct ordinarily a maximum of **06 CRE programs (3 online and 3 off line)** within a financial year, provided report of the CRE programmes are submitted to the Council before commencement of another programme, and participants feedback is positive. National institutes and CRCs of DEPwD may conduct more number of programs.
- No Change. **However,**

10 points may be given for one day CRE programme conducted in North-Eastern Region to the participants belonging to that region.

FEE structure: The maximum fees to charged per candidate is as follows:

- Offline CRE: 500/- one day and 250/- each for 2nd & 3rd day **(Local/ State/ Zonal / National / International) (in Rs.)**
- Online CRE / Webinar: 50/- (per hour) **(Local/ State/ Zonal / National / International)**
- *No fees shall be charged by RCI for grant of approval for CRE status to any program, nor will RCI take any revenue share from the fees collected by the institute from the participants.*
- Any dispute arising out of quality of CRE will be responsibility of organizing institute and shall be resolved by it. RCI shall stand legally immune out of any such dispute.

- No change of dates of approved CRE Program permitted unless and until valid disaster situation occur.
- If cancelled of the programme, inform or convey all the registered participant on the RCI website that the said programme has been cancelled by Institute. A copy of the same may be marked to RCI for reference.
- RCI reserves the right to conduct supervise inspection of any CRE program through VC or visiting expert/RCI official/ZCC members and if the surprise inspection report is found substandard, the concerned institute/ association will be debarred to the next two years and a show cause may also be issued to the

Submission of reports after CRE:

- For Online mode: Reports, PPTs and other study material shall be submitted through online portal by institute.
- For Offline mode: Reports, PPT, group photographs, videos and attendance sheet, evaluation sheet shall be submitted online by institute, during and immediately after the event.
- CRE points to participants shall be credited to participants only after successful submission of above reports by organizing institute. Also, certificate shall be made available to individual participant and resource person for download online at RCI website. Organizing Institute to ensure timely online submission of reports and that all participants get the CRE points in their account within 2 working days after the program. If organizing institute fails to do this, it will be debarred from organizing CRE for a period of 1 year.

institutions, why not their approval be withdrawn.
- **All institutions must be advised to download Webex App for surprise inspections and follow the norms during conduct of CRE Programs to avoid any such action.**
- **RCI reserves the right to cancel or rescheduled any programme.**

Selection of resource persons

- No change

- No change

- No change

- **Only up to 30%**

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Resource Person can be changed with genuine reason.

Prescribed Intake of the CRE - Workshop/Conference/ Seminar:

• No Change

CRE points required for Renewal of Registration:

• No change

o Total number of 100 CRE points are required to be accumulated for renewal of registration over 5 years. Out of these 100 points, maximum 50 points can be scored through online/webinar. CRE points earned will be as per table given below.

• No change

o Every registered professional/personnel/resource person shall be liable to earn a minimum of 10 points and not exceeding 50 points per year. A participant can do more than 50 CRE point activities during a year, but maximum 50 CRE will be added, though the certificate of participation or passing will be given for surplus points.

• If participants participated in webinar programme through RCI Webex platform; and who have scored 60% or above will only get the CRE Points and who have not scored 60% will not get any CRE Points for the Webinar; and no certificate will be issued on this.

o For renewal, Total CRE points shall not be considered merely on the basis of having attended CREs as resource persons, or for Papers submitted, or Higher Education gained etc, but also be requiring minimum 30 CRE points (out of 100) scored as participants in online/offline webinars, or participation in Government schemes, or experiential learning etc. This criteria will be applicable from renewals falling due from 1st January, 2024.

• Online Programme: Participants registered with same Id both on RCI website and Webex Webinar only will be considered for CRE points.

o Professionals who are qualified to

Online/Offline: If a candidate intends to withdraw/cancel his/her

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register in the CRR shall register with the Council within 6 months from the date of completion of an approved course.

- o All registered rehabilitation professionals shall renew their registration with the Council once in 5 years.
- o **Monitoring of CRE Programme:**

• Acquisition of a higher qualification (RCI approved) will be considered for renewal of registration.

• **CRE Points: As was approved**
• **Pre-CRE:** RCI will grant pre-CRE points to students pursuing RCI approved training programs for attending (online, offline, experiential) CRE programmes with maximum 10 points per year. The points will be added to their account when they get their CRR number from RCI after successful completion of their studies. No fees will be charged for the programs directly organized by RCI.

registration to attend the CRE programme due to any unforeseen reasons, a feature of Cancellation of Participation of registration before 24 hrs. of the scheduled programme is available on the website. The candidates registered but neither cancelled nor attended the scheduled CRE programme will be levied penalty of deducting equal CRE points and/or 1000 rupees.

Maximum Number of participants :

I. Local Level: 50 Seats
II. State Level: 75 Seats
III. National level: 100 Seats
IV. International Level: 300 Seats

FEE structure: The maximum fees to charged per candidate is as follows:

• **Rs 500 per day**

• **No change**

• **Processing Fees for Offline/Online CRE Programme: The organizing institutes will pay to RCI a non-refundable and non-adjustable**

processing fee for grant of approval for CRE Local level/Zone: Rs. 2500/- programme
- State level: Rs. 5500/- programme
- National level: Rs. 5000/- programme
- International level: Rs. 10000/-
- No change

Submission of reports after CRE:

- No Change

- No change

- CRE points to participants shall be credited to participants only after successful submission of above reports by organizing institute and approval of the report by competent authority. Organizing Institute to ensure timely online submission of reports and that all participants get the CRE points in their account within 7 working days after the report approve. If

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organizing institute fails to do this, institute from organizing CRE for a period of **2 year or Rs.5000/- penalty.**

- The details of registered participants for the CRE programme on RCI website can be seen at following link: **https://rciregistration.nic.in/rehabcouncil/CheckStudentlistCre.jsp** Only registered Participants on RCI website will be considered.

- **Submit the complete report (with all participants group photographs) etc. online only on the following link** https://rciregistration.nic.in/rehabcouncil/Crereportsubmit.jsp

- **If any issued compliance regarding report kindly submits the complete report online only on the following link** https://rciregistration.nic.in/rehabcouncil/Crereportcompliancesubmit.jsp

- **In case, CRE report submitted by the visiting expert deputed by the Council is found substandard, the concerned institute/ association will not**

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be permitted to conduct any CRE program in the next two years.
- Offline CRE Programme Certificate Format for Institution to delivered to participant/resource persons after complete the porgramme.
- No hardcopy certificate will be issued by the hosting institute

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CRE points required for Renewal of Registration:

- Persons with disabilities may be relaxed for attending CRE as per their requirement with regard to online/offline CRE points

- No Change

- No Change

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- No Change

- No Change

- **CRE Programme shall be monitoring by RCI and found guilty of not following all the CRE guidelines, they will be debarred for conducting CRE for next 5 years and coordinator CRR number suspended for 2 years.**
- No Change
- **Professional/Personnel is found violation of the RCI Act/Norms in CRE can be debarred permanently.**
- **If have CRR Number of Existing Professionals regular working in RCI in various capacities CRE points not required for renewal of registration.**

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	• After date of renewal/addition previous availed CRE points or attended porgramme will not be counting.
	• Professional/Personnel acquiring age **60** and those who **have** retired can apply **to** RCI for permanent registration with a one-time fee of Rs.5000/-. (If any Professional/Personnel is found violation of the RCI Act/Norms can be debarred permanently)
	• No change.
	• Sign language interpreter may **also** get CRE point for interpreting.
	• No Change

The recommendation submitted by experts may please be considered for approval so that the modification may be made in the CRE norms and will be placed on the CRE portal which may be effective from 01.01.2025.

The next meeting for development of topics of CRE and development of online CRE programme may be conducted in the month of December, 2024.

Submitted for kind perusal and approval please.

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