

Certified Peer Support & Recovery Professional (CPSRP)
Other Peer Credentials Questions

1. When did CPRS become CPSRP?

The CPRS is an IC&RC credential. The Certified Peer Support & Recovery Professional (CPSRP) is the CT state certification.

2. The CPSRP is replacing existing credentials, correct?

The Certified Peer Support & Recovery Professional (CPSRP) is CT's new certification that is combining the Recovery Support Specialist and Recovery Coaches under one credential. The CPRS is an IC&RC credential and will continue to be offered by the Connecticut Certification Board (CCB).

3. Does this replace the AU RSS certification timeline?

The new state credential, Certified Peer Support & Recovery Professional (CPSRP) combines the Recovery Support Specialist and Recovery Coaches under one credential.

4. Will this affect if you are currently going through certification and just waiting through your take state exam?

No if it is the CPRS, that is an IC&RC credential. The new state credential is the Certified Peer Support & Recovery Professional (CPSRP).

5. If I went to CCAR for training for recovery coach training and recently applied for my state exam as a recovery coach, does this new way override my training?

A requirement for the new state Certified Peer Support & Recovery Professional (CPSRP) certification is to have completed training through a DMHAS-approved Training Organization. CCAR is a state-approved training organization.

6. Should I still go ahead and take the exam that I am scheduled for, or should I just go ahead and take the CPSRP exam?

If you are currently in the process of applying for the CPRS certification, the choice is up to you. You can hold both credentials. The CPSRP certification is the state's credential. The grandparenting process is free and the certification is valid for 3 years.

7. Will this take the place of the CPRS via the CCB?

No, the CPRS is an IC&RC credential and will continue to be offered by the Connecticut Certification Board (CCB).

8. If you are already certified with the CCB, do you still have to take the exam?

The Certified Peer Support & Recovery Professional certification is the state's credential. If you choose to obtain the credential, you need to complete the grandparenting process. That does include taking the pilot exam. The pilot exam is an automatic Pass.

9. If we utilize an active CPRS credential, must we maintain the CPRS going forward, or will this replace the CPRS credential?

The Certified Peer Support & Recovery Professional (CPSRP) credential is not replacing the CPRS credential. The CPSRP is the state's credential. The choice is yours if you wish to maintain your CPRS.

10. I have my CPRS which gets renewed in September 2025. Do I have to take the exam to be grandparented in for the CPSRP?

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11. For those of us peers who have recently renewed our certification through AU, will our certifications still be valid for 3 years as part of the grandparenting process?

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12. I currently have my RSS and I have the CCAR RCP. Does this replace either of these or does it act as an additional (3rd) certification?

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13. I had my certification through CT CCB and switched jobs and was told at my new position that they don't recognize the CCB's certification but does recognize certification i had through AU, I let my CT CCB certification expire since I was not planning to leave my position. I've been working as a CPS since 2014. Will I still have to retake exam?

If you want a have a peer support certification, the Certified Peer Support & Recovery Professional (CPSRP) is the state's new credential. If you choose to obtain the credential, you need to complete the grandparenting process. That does include taking the pilot exam. The pilot exam is an automatic Pass.

14. Why would someone obtain this certification instead of CPRS? Which one will the state require for hiring?

The Certified Peer Support & Recovery Professional (CPSRP) is the state's credential. The CPRS is an IC&RC credential. Job Requirements are determined by their place of employment.