

FAQ's for Certification

Q. When I attend the autopsies, do they all have to be signed off by a Forensic Pathologist?

A. Three of the autopsies must be signed by Forensic Pathologist and two can be signed by a hospital pathologist. (They must be natural deaths.)

Q. It says that the investigations must be signed off by a certified death investigator. Does it have to be a CCA Certified Death Investigator or will any certified death investigator work?

A. It must be a CCA Certified Death Investigator who signs off on your Application.

Q. How long do I have to complete the Application?

A. You have 4 years from start to finish. Autopsies, Investigations and Classes/Seminars done prior to that can't be used.

Q. How long do I have to get re-certified after my Certification expires?

A. You have a one year Grace period to get your paperwork in. Any longer than that and you have to start the whole process all over.

Q. I can't find my High School Diploma. Will my College Diploma or transcripts work?

A. Yes

Q. Why are the CCA Certified Death Investigators signing for my investigations?

A. They are saying that you have investigated the cases by yourself and that they believe you have done a thorough job.

Q. I don't currently work at a Coroner's Office, can I still re-certify?

A. No. You have to be currently working at a Coroner's Office. The Coroner has to sign off on your application verifying the information is true and accurate.

Attendance at death investigations must be signed off by a certified death investigator. You will have

investigated 10 deaths and attended 5 autopsies performed by a Board-certified forensic pathologist.