

CEcD Certification

Granted by the International Economic Development Council (IEDC)



Experience as an economic development practitioner

Minimum four years consecutive, paid, full-time economic development related experience. Position should be directly related to economic development activity.



4 Core courses:

- ▶ Introduction to Economic Development
- ▶ Business Retention & Expansion
- ▶ Economic Development Credit Analysis
- ▶ Real Estate Development and Reuse

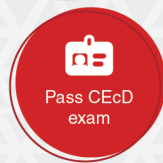
Additional Waiver:

Individuals with a graduate degree in economic development must take a total of four courses and may waive: Introduction to Economic Development and one elective



At least 2 electives:

- ▶ Economic Development Finance Programs
- ▶ Economic Development Marketing & Attraction
- ▶ Economic Development Strategic Planning
- ▶ Entrepreneurial & Small Business Development Strategies
- ▶ Managing Economic Development Organizations
- ▶ Neighborhood Development Strategies
- ▶ Technology-led Economic Development
- ▶ Workforce Development



Pass written exam:

In order to sit for the oral exam which is pass/fail, you must get 70% or higher on the essay and multiple choice/short answer sections.

New exam candidates must participate in "A Primer to the CEcD Exam Process: What You Need to Know," either in-person or via webinar.

This workshop provides an overview of the CEcD exam process, teaches tools and techniques of exam preparation, and includes a mock oral interview.



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Recertification:

Recertification is focused on attending events that offer professional development opportunities.

Although CEcDs are required to attend at least two IEDC events every three years, recognized state and regional events also count towards recertification.

For Canadian practitioners, recognized provincial association events count for 2 points each to make it more accessible for people to maintain their points.