Dear NACC Certified Members,

Given the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have heard from members who are concerned with the potential challenge in viewing sufficient in-person or live offerings this year to meet the educational requirements for maintenance of certification.

Please know that the Certification Commission is aware of your concerns and at the Commission meeting in June discussed this issue at length. In these unprecedented times the Commission is well aware of the toll the COVID-19 pandemic has had on your personal and professional lives and discussed ways to help support your continued education in light of the pandemic.

The Certification Commission has approved the following special exceptions for education requirements for the year 2020.

- **Waive** the renewal of certification requirement that a minimum of 20 hours per year of education must be achieved through “attending” activities. (Certification Procedure 532.9)

- **Waive** the limitation set that only 25 hours per year can be reported in activities which fall under the “review of educational materials”. (Certification Procedure 532.12d)

**What does this mean in lay terms?** For the education year 2020, you will not be expected to report any hours in “attending” activities. Additionally, the limit that is typically set on reporting activities that fall under “educational materials” (25 hours per year) will also be waived. Activities that fall under “educational materials” include: reading books, reading articles, listening/viewing audio/video webinars/networking calls.

To aid certified members in identifying available activities, the Certification Commission has developed a list of virtual education resources (some free, some paid). Please access this listing [here](#). If you are aware of any other resources which may be helpful, please send those to the NACC office.

The Competencies Commission has approved a special exception to the following requirement for Renewal of Certification for the year 2020.

- **Decrease** the required fifty (50) hours of continuing education to thirty-five (35) hours. (Competency MNT2).

**What does this mean in lay terms?** For the education year 2020, the total number of education hours that must be reported for the year will be decreased from 50 hours to 35 hours.

The Certification Commission and the Competencies Commission continue to hold you in prayer, and seek to find ways to best support you in these days.

If you have questions specifically related to renewal of certification, please reach out to Jeanine Annunziato ([jannunziato@nacc.org](mailto:jannunziato@nacc.org) or 414-483-4898 ext 303).

Stay safe and well.

Sincerely,

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**Questions?**

For questions or comments about the changes to the Renewal of Certification documentation, please contact the NACC National Office: Jeanine Annunziato.