

1) What will the attendance protocol be for IMIA approved webinars?

- As for the IMIA Lifelong webinars, nothing will change. It will be the same because all Lifelong webinars are approved in advance for IMIA/NBCMI CEUs before they are announced. Also, the way the IMIA records attendance and issues certificates for these webinars will not change either. Please find details at:
<http://imiaweb.org/education/learningseries.asp>

2) Many types of health care related seminars and workshops are useful topics for medical interpreters. Shouldn't they be accepted for IMIA/NBCMI CEUs?

- While many seminar or courses approved by sister organizations, such as CCHI, ATA or RID, would undoubtedly meet the IMIA's Education Committee standards, others simply do not. Many workshops are tailored for beginners, while others may not be related to the medical field or applicable interpreting skills. It would be a disservice to validate other organization's CEUs without ensuring that they meet our standards. We encourage all presenters and event organizers to follow the IMIA's new and simplified process to request CEUs.
- The IMIA has been working, and will continue to work, with all sister organizations through their local/regional/national conferences to ensure the maximum availability of opportunities for IMIA members to earn CEUs.
- The IMIA Education Committee standards match those set by NBCMI for acceptance of continuing education towards recertification. For this reason, IMIA CEUs will be automatically accepted towards credential renewal by NBCMI. This helps ensure that CMIs and QMIs are receiving appropriate continued education to promote professional growth.

3) What about webinars offered by CCHI, ATA, or RID? Will these be automatically approved for CEUs?

- No. Starting 01/01/2018, NBCMI will only guarantee automatic acceptance of IMIA/NBCMI CEUs. However, NBCMI will continue to accept and honor all CEUs granted by sister organizations through 12/31/2017. For example, if your recertification date is 02/2019, and by 12/31/2017 you had accumulated 27 hours of continuing education (2.7 CEUs) from events by CCHI, ATA or RID, they will still be valid towards your 30-hour requirement when you apply to recertify in 2019. The additional 3 hours that will be pending after 01/01/2018 will need to be earned from approved IMIA/NBCMI CEUs to be automatically accepted.
- It is the responsibility of each presenter to apply with the IMIA Education Committee in advance to ensure that their presentation will qualify for IMIA/NBCMI CEUs starting 01/01/2018.

4) Shouldn't the IMIA/NBCMI be an advocate of availing as many opportunities and variety of topics to its certified professionals?

- Definitely. NBCMI wants to ensure that all CMIs and QMIs participate in a wide variety of quality educational opportunities. This vetting process for CEUs is not meant to restrict learning opportunities, but to motivate presenters and certified interpreters alike to raise the bar.
- Besides offering free monthly webinars to members, the IMIA maintains the largest national education registry for medical interpreters. You can search training opportunities that offer CEUs by state, or by delivery method (online versus on-site.)