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In 2013 the International Examination and Certification Board (IECB) began to operate autonomously from the COVD Board of Directors. At that time, maintenance of certification (MOC) was instituted for FCOVDs, FCOVD-As and COVTs. Certification is valid for 5 years after which you are required to recertify.

Your certification will expire this year. You must submit for your Maintenance of Certification (MOC) to continue your active status as a certified constituent of COVD. Your maintenance requires an updated CV and a signed statement of attestation and proof of continued professional development.

The official forms to complete can be found on the COVD website www.covd.org/moc for FCOVD, FCOVD-A and COVT certificates. Each MOC form provides the instructions for submissions and other required information. Members may log into their COVD account to check their expiration year and enter their continuing education if that is what you are using for professional development. Professional development is calculated via a point system which gives credit not only for continuing education, but also for authoring and service to COVD.

A few points I would like to highlight:

- Membership with COVD is NOT required to maintain your certification. However, there is a non-member fee for those that wish to maintain certification without COVD membership.
- Members may maintain their certification at no cost if material is submitted PRIOR to the early deadline which is October 31, 2019. After this date there is a \$75.00 MOC processing fee that must accompany your submission or be paid online, and once you reach 6 months past the deadline that fee increases to \$150.00
- If you chose NOT to maintain your certification, your certification will officially expire and you will be unable to continue to use the professional designation of FCOVD, FCOVD-A or COVT and will not receive a new certificate.
 - *For COVD members:* After a one year period of inactive certification, your membership tier will be changed from Fellow Member or COVT Member to Associate Member/Vision Therapist Member. The FCOVD/COVT status will be removed from your membership profile. For OD's, you will no longer show up under the specific Board Certified search function on the COVD Locate A Doctor feature, and your contact information will denote you as an Associate OD not a Fellow OD. To reinstate, you will need to reapply to the FCOVD or COVT process, submit the MOC and all required fees.

- If you have retired and are not in clinical active practice or maintaining a license, you are not required to maintain certification. We do ask that the COVD office has your current status on file. Please email info@covd.org or contact the COVD office if your status has changed.

We look forward to your continued professional development, leadership roles and dedication to the field of vision therapy, development, and rehabilitation.

Maintenance of certification inquiries can be directed to cert@covd.org. As always, do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristi A. Jensen OD". The signature is written in a cursive style with a vertical line to the right of the text.

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