



BLS Recertification Changes

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Important BLS Recertification Changes

NEW BLS “Recertification” Process:

- Launch Wednesday, September 1, 2021
- ALL BLS Renewals moving forward
 - *Not applicable for New or Expired BLS certifications*
- **NO** online pre-course work required
 - Class duration 2.5 hours
 - Employees bring AHA BLS Providers manual to class
 - *Employee sign-out manuals locally and bring to class*
 - *NCTI Instructors will have limited books available*
 - 2-3 sessions a day per classroom
 - COVID social distancing guidelines remain in effect
 - Permanent process change, will continue post-pandemic

Benefits of New BLS Recert Process

**AHA now offers streamlined process for BLS recertification.
Eliminates online prework, impacting approx. 21,000 NCAL employees annually.**

- NO BLS recert prework required
- NO certificate to print prior to class
- NO HealthStream requirement
- Streamlined registration directly on NCTI website only
- Total class time for BLS recert is 2.5 hours vs. new/expired 4-hour course

NO change to the current ACLS/PALS process for 2021 – Prework still required

ACLS impacts ~5,500 employees annually

PALS impacts ~2,200 employees annually

Next Steps

Communication plan

- NCTI will reach out to all pre-registered students
- Cascade communication to peer groups and LCRC Champions
- Registration site will be updated
- Work with LCRC Champions and Peer Groups to define local process for access to the current AHA manual

<https://shopcpr.heart.org/bls-provider-manual> (\$16/manual)

