

New AMS-related Certification Updates

ACSM is updating its association management system, or “AMS,” the software it uses to streamline its internal processes and analytics. With the new system come important changes to recertification rules, critical dates and more.



Recertification changes

Effective Jan. 1, 2025, ACSM will neither offer nor renew the following certifications:

- Health Fitness Director (HFD)
- Program Director (PD)
- Exercise Test Technologist (ETT)
- Physical Activity in Public Health Specialist (PAPHS)
- Certified Inclusive Fitness Trainer (CIFT)
- Cancer Exercise Trainer (CET)

However, if you previously earned one of these certifications, you will retain it, it will still appear in the “My Certifications” section of My Account/My ACSM, and you will no longer need to recertify in order to keep it.



New AMS features

- A visual system for tracking your continuing education credits (CECs)
- On-demand, downloadable PDFs of your certifications and certificates
- A tool for tracking the status of your applications



Other updates

- You will be able to recertify at any point in your three-year certification period once you’ve input the required CECs and paid all applicable fees.
- You’ll schedule your certification exam through your ACSM account rather than PearsonVue.
- Discontinuation of multiple-certification recertification discounts.