CCDM Beta Exam FAQ's

1. **What is a Beta Exam?**

    A Beta Exam is a new version of a certification exam that is in development. When the study is complete, candidates who participated will receive their results. A subset of statistically performing Beta Exam questions will become the exam for the certification for which it has been developed and the previous exam is retired.

2. **How much is the Beta Exam?**

    $100.00 for members / $125.00 for non-members.

3. **How does the Beta Exam compare to the standard CCDM?**

    The "look and feel" of the Beta Exam is the same as the previous CCDM exam. The difficulty of the Beta Exam is intended to be similar to the previous certification exam but won't be proven to be so till after the analysis and cutoff score determination. The difference is in the number of questions tested. The Beta Exam covers 150 questions whereas the previous exam covered 130 questions. The Beta Exam, like the previous certification exam is a timed test. Test takers have up to 3.5 hours to complete the test. Refer to the certification handbook for current information about the exam.

4. **Are the Competencies tested on the Beta Exam the same as those tested on the recent exam?**

    SCDM actively manages the CCDM Competencies through a Data Management Task Analysis Survey conducted every three years at the Annual meeting. Based on the results, of the Task Analysis Survey, the competencies evolve over time so that they reflect the work done by professional data managers. Refer to the certification handbook for current information about the exam included tested competencies.

5. **What happens if I pass the Beta Exam?**

    You become a Certified Clinical Data Manager (CCDM)

6. **If I pass the Beta Exam, how long will my certification last?**
   3 years.

7. **What happens if I fail the Beta Exam?**
   You will be welcome to retest again once the exam is finalized and out of the beta period.

   If I fail the Beta Exam, may I take it again?
   Yes, however you will need to take the finalized exam, not the beta.

8. **When will I receive my results to the Beta Exam?**
   Approximately 2 months after the close of the Beta Exam Period. The Psychometrician must review/analyze all the results from the exams and determine the passing cutoff score. See the timeline below:

   CCDM Beta Exam Timeline

9. **Why does it take so long to receive my results to the Beta Exam?**
   The Psychometrician must provide a statistical analysis of the results from the exams. This requires that 200 people take the Beta Exam, analysis of those results, discarding question that performed poorly, and setting the cutoff score.

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10. What is a cutoff core?

A Cut-off score is the score that a test-taker must achieve to pass the exam. It is determined based on expert Data Managers Analysis of what a CCDM needs to know.

11. I think my Beta Exam was scored incorrectly. What should I do?
If you believe your results from the Beta Exam was scored incorrectly, you may appeal to SCDM. To initiate this process, you must submit in writing within 14 days of receiving your results.

12. What is the best way to prepare for the Beta Exam?
The best way to prepare is to have or obtain experience in all the Clinical Data Manager competencies, to be able to apply applicable regulation, guidance and foundational knowledge and best practice as articulated in the GCDMP to the management of data for clinical studies. Updated GCDMP chapters have been made available for your review. New chapters now contain relevant regulatory references in the minimum standards section. You may also find the list of foundational knowledge and exam references in the certification handbook. Refer to the certification handbook for current information about the exam including the foundational knowledge list and exam references.

13. If my Beta Exam Application is not accepted, can I receive my fees returned?
Yes.

14. How will I know if my Beta Exam Application is accepted?
You will be notified within 14 days of receipt via email.

15. If my Beta Exam Application is accepted, how long will I have to take the exam?
You we advise to schedule your exam as soon as your application is accepted. All applicants are required the take the exam before June 1st, 2021.

16. If I held the CCDM Certification prior and my CCDM is currently expired, can I take the Beta Exam?
Yes, but you will need to complete the application process again.

17. Can I submit my application mail, fax, or email?
Applications must be completed and submitted via the online portal.

18. Can I submit and see if my application will be accepted before I submit payment?
No, we must receive payment before applications will be reviewed. If your application is not accepted, your payment will be returned.

19. If I change my mind about taking the Beta Exam, will my money be refunded?
No, all fees are non-refundable, non-transferable. Exceptions are only made in unusual and extenuating circumstances and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

20. How many questions are on the Beta Exam?
150 multiple choice items, covering all tested competencies.

21. Do all applicants have to agree to the CCDM Code of Ethics?
Yes, this is condition of Certification.

22. Do all applicants have to sign a confidentiality agreement?
Yes, the confidentiality agreement is part of the Certification Exam application.