

QUEENSLAND LACTATION COLLEGE

A member of the Network of Australian Lactation Colleges (NALC)

An affiliate to the International Lactation Consultant Association (ILCA)

NEWSLETTER

EDITOR'S NOTE

Hi everybody

I want to send out this newsletter on time, so that those of you who are re-sitting the exam have it before that last-minute cram session. There is information that may be useful to you for last-minute study – or simply in your clinical practice – under “Resources”.

Also in this newsletter is a longer section than usual from Karolyn Vaughn the IBLCE Regional Director for Asia Pacific. Note the changes in application dates. Some of you will have heard of changes in future for exam eligibility pathways. If you have colleagues planning to sit the exam for the first time next year, here are the answers to the questions they will be sure to have. Hot off the press!

Many of you will have been saddened by the death of former member, Trudi Szallasi, who lost her fight with cancer recently. Trudi scored the all-time highest result in the IBLCE exam. She touched many lives and contributed hugely in her short life. She was only 43. She will be sorely missed and her memory will live on.

Virginia

RESOURCES:

Did you know that QLC has

- ❖ A small library with back issues of the *Journal of human*

Lactation and recent issues of *Breastfeeding Review*, along with other material. **The JHL from time to time includes articles that have been developed as Independent Study Modules, i.e. with exam-type questions. Good practice! QLC library: Kay Miles, on 3277 8260.**

- ❖ A subscription to the Lactation Resource Centre (LRC) which enables YOU, as a member of QLC, to access the LRC for information you may need for your clinical work or while preparing for the exam.

NATIONAL NEWS

The International Lactation Consultant Association (ILCA) is holding a meeting with the ILCA President and Executive Officer in Sydney at the end of June. They are funding three representatives to attend from each of the main groupings of IBCLCs in the Australia/New Zealand region, i.e. the state Lactation Colleges affiliated as the Network of Australian Lactation Colleges (NALC), the Australian Lactation Consultant Association (ALCA), and the New Zealand Lactation Consultant Association (NZLCA).

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, the purpose of the meeting is to answer questions and form a task force on ILCA's proposal for forming a super-affiliate for this region. The various organisations for lactation

consultants in this country have come up with a lot of queries and some alternative models, which will be discussed before and during this meeting. There was a teleconference in late-May, that I was unable to attend because of telephone problems.

All attending the meeting have the interests of you, the IBCLC, at heart. Any developments from the meeting in Sydney will be in the next newsletter.

Virginia



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EXAM SEASON

Well exam season is upon us and the exam will be held on the 28th July 2008. No further exam applications will be accepted as the closing date was the 15 May 2008. There is close to 950 initial and IBCLC's recertifying by exam this year. This is very exciting as this is the largest number of candidates IBLCE has ever had sit the exam in this Region.

For those of you who are sitting the exam this year, you should have received your admission packs by now. If not please contact the office. The exam results will be posted on the web and in the mail on the 24th October 2008.

RECERTIFICATION

If you are due to recertify this year you should already have your information pack. The next deadline date is the 31 August 2008, the final deadline is the 31 October 2008.

If you need to download the recertification application you can visit the IBLCE website and all the documents you need are there. The recertification application can be found at the download centre or at <http://iblce.edu.au/RecertificationApplication.php>

SCOPE OF PRACTICE (SOP)

The IBLCE Board of Directors adopted the revised version of the IBLCE Scope of Practice. This is a vital document that every IBCLC and IBLCE exam candidate needs to read as it provides the basic guidelines of clinical practice. Please spend a few minutes out of your busy day to read the SOP. It can be found at <http://iblce.edu.au/ScopeofPractice.php>



EXAM APPLICATION DATES ARE MOVING!

As of the 2009 exam the application (for initial candidates and recertifying IBCLCs) closing dates are changing. The dates are as follows:

Discount 1	Postmarked on or before the last day in February
Discount 2	Postmarked on or before the last day in March
Closing Date	Postmarked on or before the 15 th April
<i>Please note that IBLCE adheres to advertised dates strictly.</i>	

So if you are recertifying by exam or CERPs in 2009 your information pack will be sent to you in November/ December this year. If you know someone who is planning to sit the exam for the first time in 2009 they can call or email the IBLCE office and we will ensure they get their information pack early.

Please note: that the recertifying by CERPs closing dates are different to that

by exam. Check the website for more details.



EXAM

ELIGIBILITY PATHWAYS ARE CHANGING

There has been confusion over which eligibility pathways which candidates apply to sit the exam as well as the number of breastfeeding clinical hours that professionals need to be eligible. IBLCE has heard your issues and has reviewed the current pathways along with statistical evidence to formulate the new eligibility criteria. The new eligibility criteria will be introduced as of the **2010** exam in the Asia Pacific Region. All eligibility criteria are considered to be minimum requirements. Based upon the individual's training and background, additional coursework or lactation specific clinical practice hours may be needed to successfully complete the examination. The common pathways used in the Asia Pacific Region will be:

➤ **Health Care Professional**

The candidate must be licensed or registered in the state, to practice as a health care professional and complete the following requirements:

- A minimum of 45 hours of lactation specific education within the 5 years immediately prior to exam application.
- 1000 lactation specific clinical practice hours within the 5 years immediately prior to exam application.

➤ **Non-Health Care Professional**

The candidate must be

accredited ABA counsellor and complete the following requirements:

- A minimum of 45 hours of lactation specific education within the 5 years immediately prior to exam application.
- 2000 lactation specific clinical practice hours within the 5 years immediately prior to exam application.
- Applicants following these exam eligibility criteria are advised to complete at least one course in each of the six health background disciplines recommended by IBLCE.

➤ **Lactation Specific Academic Program**

With a vision toward the future, eligibility criteria have been established for individuals who graduate from lactation specific academic programs. IBLCE has established these criteria as the preferred method for IBCLC exam eligibility to encourage the development of more lactation specific academic programs.



All the details will be posted on the IBLCE website in the next month. So stay posted!
www.iblce.edu.au

Warm Regards

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