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TO: MHRNS Board Members  
FROM: Bryan Dryer, Vice Chair  
RE: MHRNS Certified Rehabilitation Specialist Draft Policy



**What's the goal of this certification program?**

The Certified Rehabilitation Specialist accreditation program was created in 2013 to recognize housing rehabilitation professionals that possess both thorough knowledge and ongoing growth in their field. This accreditation exam is intended to demonstrate the specialist's expertise in specification writing, codes and laws, skilled trades, healthy homes initiatives, contractor/homeowner interactions, environmental awareness, and weatherization.

**What are the benefits of participating in this certification program?**

Successful completion of the exam will earn the attendee a Certified Rehabilitation Specialist Silver Award and MHRNS metal inspection clipboard. In addition, successful completion of this certification program demonstrates increased capacity to grant organizations and state agencies, and will contribute to future capacity requirements for specific grant awards.

**Who is eligible for this certification program?**

Any member in good standing of the Michigan Community Development Association (MCDA) is eligible to take the Rehabilitation Specialist accreditation exam at no charge. The MHRNS board regularly makes the Rehabilitation Specialist accreditation exam at the MCDA annual conference, as well as potential offerings at other conferences throughout the year, as determined by the MHRNS board members based on constituent interest.

**How do I participate in this certification program?**

The Michigan Housing Rehabilitation Specialist Network takes pride in its ability to offer relevant and specialized professional development training throughout the year, in connection with ongoing MCDA conferences, workshops, and web events. These training opportunities are designed to reinforce the core skills and tools necessary to maintain an active and successful housing rehabilitation program, and these topics are most often included in the scope of the Rehabilitation Specialist accreditation exam. By regularly attending these training opportunities, and taking advantage of unlimited access to training materials at [www.mcdahome.org](http://www.mcdahome.org), rehab specialists can be confident that they'll have the knowledge they need to successfully complete their Silver Level certification.

**How can I get more information about this certification program?**

Interested individuals can contact MHRNS Board Chair Justin Stadt by phone at (616)821-5572 or through email at [jstadt@rcity.us](mailto:jstadt@rcity.us).