
Information on wound seminars and Corona pandemic

Ladies and gentlemen, dear educational providers and seminar participants,

We had already published an update on our homepage in January.

The last summer in Germany had given us some relief and hope that in autumn the seminars; work shadowing's/clinical practices and examinations could take place again as usual. Unfortunately, the situation has developed differently and we have had to and will have to accept severe restrictions again depending on the regional situation. In addition, the duration of the restrictions cannot be clearly predicted at present.

The expert panel for personal certification has therefore repeatedly met on this topic in order to find adequate solutions. Our premise is to grant as much flexibility as possible for this time, to find alternative solutions and still ensure the previous quality for the participants. We are aware that for various reasons we cannot realise all options and alternatives. The changes have been included in the 2021 forms and apply equally to all international providers.

We summarise the most important points in the following overview:

Regulations for re-certification

- ⇒ **Participants** who do not attend a re-certification seminar that has already been booked due to the current situation can **catch up on the required re-certification points**. This should take place as soon as possible, at the latest by the expiry of the certificate. The catch-up opportunity relates to the time of the Corona crisis.
- ⇒ **Participants** for whom the certificate is about to expire and who currently have no opportunity to attend corresponding re-certification seminars can also catch up on the points. The new **certificate will then be issued retroactively** to the date on which the "old" certificate expires regularly. The period then runs again for 5 years from the new (possibly backdated) certificate issue date. For the new 5 year period, 40 points have to be provided again.
- ⇒ In addition, you can make use of the existing option to **transfer 8 points once to a following year**, regardless of any postponements due to certified periods of illness.
- ⇒ So far, you could earn 8 points in 5 years via e-learning. This has now been extended by a further 8 points. You can therefore "collect" **16 points in 5 years via e-learning**. E-learning includes online courses and web seminars.

Conclusion: This gives you a total of twice in 5 years the opportunity to provide the points without an attendance.

Regulation for re-certification courses or educational provider

- ⇒ **Educational providers** can apply for e-learning instead of attendance seminars for re-certification. In addition to the **e-learning modules** that are already possible, **web seminars** can now be applied for. Clear quality requirements apply to the web seminars, which are described in detail in the forms and must be complied with.
- ⇒ Criteria and comprehensive explanations for both versions of e-learning have been included in the forms "Re-certification provider information and application 2021" and "E-learning in ICW/TÜV seminars 2021".

[E-Learning in ICW/TÜV seminars](#)

Regulations for the standard seminars and proofs of performance

- ⇒ **Educational providers** can extend the duration of seminars with the Woundexpert ICW®, the Woundtherapist ICW® and the Physician Woundexpert ICW®. This means that any **examination dates** that may have been scheduled can be postponed to a later date. The certification body must be notified of the new dates.
- ⇒ Since February 2021 and limited until 01 January 2022, teaching in these standard seminars is possible in certain topics via e-learning units. The provider does not have to pay any costs for the re-registration. For more information, see the translated circular dated 01.02.2021.
- ⇒ **Seminar providers** who plan to take a **written examination** in one of the above-mentioned seminar concepts in order to reduce the number of participants on two different dates can request a second examination from the certification body.
- ⇒ **Participants** who are unable to take part in planned **work shadowing/clinical practices** within the framework of the seminars are also given the opportunity to postpone them to a later date in agreement with the responsible training provider. This means that the **deadlines** set for submission of homework and work shadowing certificates will be postponed to a later date.
- ⇒ In the case of an interrupted seminar, **seminar providers** will certify the participants' previous attendance/performance(s) in writing.

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