



Candidate Information Guide

For initial, repeat and lapsed candidates who plan to apply for the IBLCE exam

As an International Organisation, IBLCE uses British English in its publications.

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What is IBLCE®?

IBLCE® is the independent international certification body conferring the International Board Certified Lactation Consultant® (IBCLC®) credential.

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Key Dates

Please visit the “Key Dates” page of the “Certify” section of the IBLCE website for application deadlines and other important key dates.

Purpose of Certification

The purpose of the IBLCE certification program is to assess the knowledge and cognitive skills required for effective performance of and by, an entry-level International Board Certified Lactation Consultant.

The IBLCE certification program offers a voluntary credential and that certification does not necessarily confer the right or privilege to practice. Individuals who hold the IBCLC credential must abide by the legal authority in the jurisdiction in which they practice or wish to practice.

To maintain the IBCLC certification, certificants must recertify every 5 years. Five years after last passing the exam, IBCLC certificants have the option to recertify by completing 75 continuing education recognition points (CERPs) or equivalent individual CERPs OR re-examination. Re-examination is mandatory 10 years after last passing the exam.

IBCLC certificants who let their certification lapse, will have one exam attempt within one year immediately following their expiration year to sit the exam without having to meet the clinical hour and education requirements and must pay the full exam fee. For any subsequent exam attempts, lapsed candidates must meet all eligibility requirements for an initial candidate valid at the time of exam application and pay the full exam fee.

Exam Eligibility Requirements

IBLCE requires that all first-time exam candidates must complete education and clinical experience in each of the following areas.

1. Health Sciences Education
2. Lactation Specific Clinical Experience
3. Lactation Specific Education

Health Sciences Education

Education in health science subjects typically studied by health professionals during their professional education is required of all candidates. Candidates must complete education in the 14 subjects described in the *Health Sciences Education Guide*. Candidates who are educated in one of the professions on the *Recognised Health Professions List*, may demonstrate completion of the Health Sciences Education by submitting a copy of their license, registration, transcript, diploma or degree. The *Health Sciences Education Guide* and *Recognised Health Professions List* can be found on the “IBLCE Documents” page of the “Resources” section of the IBLCE website.

Lactation Specific Clinical Experience

Lactation specific clinical experience is defined as providing maternal/child care that supports breastfeeding families, including lactation assistance to pregnant and breastfeeding women and lactation education to families and/or professionals.

All reported lactation specific clinical experience must be provided within a supervisory environment. Depending upon the eligibility pathway a candidate follows, the lactation specific clinical experience may need to be directly supervised.

Candidates should have a broad range of experience in providing lactation and breastfeeding care that spans the spectrum from pre-conception through weaning and encompasses an extensive variety of clinical skills. The IBLCE exam tests the application of knowledge in the disciplines listed on the *IBLCE Detailed Content Outline*. The skill sets published in the *Clinical Competencies for the Practice of International Board Certified Lactation Consultants* are representative of the ways in which IBCLCs apply this knowledge to clinical situations. More information on clinical experience can be found on the “Eligibility Criteria” page of the “Certify” section of the IBLCE website. The *IBLCE Detailed Content Outline* and the *Clinical Competencies for the Practice of IBCLCs* can be downloaded from the “IBLCE Documents” page of the “Resources” section of the IBLCE website.

Lactation Specific Education

Comprehensive education in human lactation and breastfeeding is a vital part of preparing to become an IBCLC. Education should cover all the disciplines and chronological periods listed on the *IBCLC Detailed Content Outline*.

IBLCE does not offer, approve or accredit lactation education designed to prepare candidates for the certification exam. Nor, does IBLCE recommend or endorse any particular program or course in lactation education. More information on lactation education requirements can be found on the “Eligibility Criteria” page of the “Certify” section of the IBLCE website. The *IBLCE Detailed Content Outline* can be downloaded from the “IBLCE Documents” page of the “Resources” section of the IBLCE website.

Pathways to Exam Eligibility

Candidates must meet the criteria in one of the following pathways to be eligible to sit the exam.

Pathway 1

Recognised Health Professionals and Recognised Breastfeeding Support Counsellors

Pathway 1 exam candidates must practice as a *Recognised Health Professional* or provide breastfeeding support through an appropriate supervised setting that is listed on the *Recognised Breastfeeding Support Counsellor Organisation* list. IBLCE provides detailed information about these options on its website.

In addition to completing the *Health Sciences Education*, individuals qualifying through Pathway 1 must complete the following requirements:

- Minimum of 90 hours of lactation specific education within the **5 years immediately** prior to exam application.
 - Minimum of 1000 hours of lactation specific clinical practice within the **5 years immediately** prior to exam application. Directly supervised clinical practice is ***not required*** by Pathway 1.

Pathway 2

Accredited Academic Programs

In addition to the 14 *Health Sciences Education* courses (which can be obtained through a Pathway 2 academic program or independently), Pathway 2 exam candidates must graduate from an academic program in human lactation and breastfeeding that includes the following education and clinical practice as part of the program curriculum:

- Minimum of 90 hours of lactation specific education
- Minimum of 300 hours of ***directly supervised*** lactation specific clinical practice
 - The IBCLCs providing the direct supervision must be currently certified IBCLCs in good standing.

Pathway 2 exam candidates must have graduated from their academic program within the 5 years immediately prior to their exam application.

Please Note: Beginning January 1, 2017, lactation education programs purporting to fulfill the requirements for Pathway 2 must be accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) or another accrediting body with equivalent accreditation standards for lactation education programs. IBLCE extended this deadline to January 1, 2018 for Pathway 2 Programs that were in the formal accreditation process with CAAHEP, which is equivalent to having submitted the program's self-study report.

Pathway 3 Mentorship

The mentorship must be developed according to the specifications found in the *Pathway 3 Plan Guide* and the certification status of the IBCLCs serving as mentors must be verified by IBLCE prior to beginning the mentorship. **All Pathway 3 Plans MUST be verified by IBLCE through an application process (which includes a fee) PRIOR to earning clinical hours for this Pathway.**

In addition to the *Health Sciences Education* courses, Pathway 3 candidates must complete a:

- Minimum of 500 hours of **directly supervised** lactation specific clinical practice in the duties described in the *Clinical Competencies for the Practice of IBCLCs* and obtained within the **5 years immediately** prior to exam application.
 - The IBCLCs who provide the direct supervision must be currently certified IBCLCs in good standing.
- Minimum of 90 hours of lactation specific education within the **5 years immediately** prior to exam application.

The *Pathway 3 Plan Guide* and the *Clinical Competencies for the Practice of IBCLCs* can be downloaded from the “IBLCE Documents” page of the “Resources” section of the IBLCE website.

Important Publications for Exam Candidates

IBLCE exam candidates should be familiar with the following publications, all of which can be found on the “IBLCE Documents” page of the “Resources” section of the IBLCE website.

- *Detailed Content Outline*
- *Clinical Competencies for the Practice of International Board Certified Lactation Consultants*
- *Scope of Practice for International Board Certified Lactation Consultant IBLCE Disciplinary Procedures*
- *IBLCE Appeals Policies*

IBLCE exam candidates should also be familiar with the *Code of Professional Conduct for IBCLCs*, which can be found on the “Disciplinary Procedures” page of the “Resources” section of the IBLCE website.

Applying to Sit the Exam

Choose your Pathway

After determining their exam eligibility pathway, candidates should use the Pathway Checklist found at the end of this guide to be sure they have met all requirements of that pathway and retain any documentation that verifies completion of the pathway requirements, as they will need to submit evidence if audited.

Complete the Application Form

The online application is currently available in English only. Exam candidates requiring an application in any other language can apply by submitting the appropriate application form during exam application time from the IBLCE website that is provided in their preferred language.

Fees and Payments

Complete information about the fees and payment options can be found at the end of this Guide.

Exam Sites

IBLCE offers computer based testing (CBT) for the exam. In countries where CBT centres are not available, paper and pencil administration of the exam may be offered. More information about exam sites is available on the IBLCE website.

Reasonable Accommodations

IBLCE works with candidates to provide reasonable accommodations during the exam administration for medical conditions and disabilities. The IBLCE exam application form will ask exam candidates to disclose the reasons for requesting reasonable accommodations during the exam. Candidates will be required to provide documentation of the medical need for reasonable accommodations.

To allow sufficient time for making reasonable accommodations, candidates must notify IBLCE of their requests at the time they apply for the exam. If an issue arises after submitting the exam application, candidates must report their request to IBLCE as soon as possible.

Special Note for Pregnant Women

Candidates who experience health difficulties that may interfere with their ability to take the exam, must notify IBLCE as soon as possible. In some circumstances, due to health complications, candidates may need to cancel or withdraw from the exam.

There are financial implications for cancelling/withdrawing from the exam. The IBLCE office staff can assist candidates in making informed decisions.

Breastfeeding Breaks during Exam Administration

The International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners (IBLCE) is devoted to lactation and breastfeeding care. Therefore, it is appropriate for IBLCE to make allowances for exam candidates who are breastfeeding. It is necessary that these allowances meet all the requirements for ensuring IBLCE exam security while at the same time offering reasonable solutions that will allow test takers to breastfeed or pump during the exam appointment.

IBLCE provides reasonable accommodations for exam candidates who are also breastfeeding. Candidates who are requesting a breastfeeding break during the exam, should read the *Procedures for Breastfeeding Breaks During Exam Administration* found on the “IBLCE Documents” page of the “Resources” section of the IBLCE website for more information.

Non-Primary Language and Bilingual Dictionary

IBLCE translates the exam into a wide range of languages. For candidates whose primary language is not among those into which the exam is translated, IBLCE will provide extra examination time and permit the use of a bilingual dictionary during the exam.

If a request for use of a bilingual dictionary is approved, IBLCE will provide the dictionary to the exam site location for use by the candidate during the exam administration. The use of personal dictionaries is not permitted. The dictionary provided by IBLCE will NOT be a medical dictionary.

Confidentiality Policy

IBLCE is committed to protecting confidential and/or proprietary information related to applicants; certificants; and the examination development process. IBLCE will not disclose any confidential applicant/certificant information unless authorised in writing by the individual or as required by law.

Examination Results

Individual examination results are considered confidential. Exam scores are released only to the individual candidate unless a signed release is provided in advance. Results are not released by phone or fax. Personal information submitted by applicants/certificants with an application for initial certification or recertification is considered confidential.

Application Status

An individual's application status is considered confidential. IBLCE does not disclose information regarding whether or not an individual has applied for certification or has taken the examination. Current certification status is published and verifiable as noted in the Credential Verification section of this policy.

Credential Verification

The names of certified individuals are not considered confidential and may be published by IBLCE. Published information may include name, city, state, country and certification status. An online Registry of certificants is provided to the public. Employers may also receive written verification provided that IBLCE has received a signed release from the certificant.

To promote and support research within the human lactation and breastfeeding field, IBLCE endeavours to foster an environment of partnership with researchers in their investigative processes. To achieve these goals and aims, IBLCE reserves the right to use a combination of de-identified data including but not limited to examination results to evaluate performance, testing, and administration strategies for research and evaluation purposes. IBLCE may also disseminate approved surveys and questionnaire type requests to its constituents to complete at their own will.

Audit Policy

IBLCE audits initial applications and recertification applications. These audits are conducted on a standardised and randomised basis. If selected for an audit, the candidate or certificant must furnish the complete requested information in a timely manner. Failure to do so could result in a delay or denial to sit the IBLCE examination and/or disciplinary action.

In addition to the randomised and standardised audit process set forth above, IBLCE specifically further reserves the right to require any candidate or recertificant to provide proof of education, employment, course work or proof of any of the initial eligibility or recertification requirements in a timely and complete manner. Failure to do so could result in a delay or denial to sit the IBLCE examination and/or disciplinary action.

In the event IBLCE determines that documentation submitted in support of an application or in support of recertification is inaccurate or fraudulent, IBLCE specifically reserves the right to bar a candidate from sitting the examination and/or take disciplinary action.

Notification of Exam Eligibility

Applicants who successfully meet all requirements will be notified by mail/email of their eligibility to take the exam. This eligibility notification will include information about exam centre locations and exam day procedures. Applicants who do not meet the exam eligibility requirements will be notified by mail/email and will be eligible for a partial refund of exam fees paid.

Eligibility Appeals Policy

IBLCE will review eligibility appeals of adverse certification decisions from applicants. An adverse decision may be appealed for the following reasons: IBLCE did not apply certification or recertification criteria correctly or by a factual error that affected the outcome, or by a verified extraordinary circumstance. More information can be found in the *IBLCE Appeals Policies* which can be downloaded from the “IBLCE Documents” page of the “Resources” section of the IBLCE website.

Exam Admission Procedures

To gain admission to the exam, candidates must present TWO (2) forms of identification. The primary ID must have the candidate's name, current photograph, and signature and the secondary ID must have either their name and signature or their name and current photograph.

The FIRST form of identification MUST be one of the following:

- driver's license with photograph
- state identification card with photograph
- passport with photograph
- military identification card with photograph
- green card permanent residence card or visa with photograph

The SECOND form of identification MUST display the candidate's name and signature or name and current photograph. Candidates may bring one of the following:

- credit card with signature
- social security card with signature
- employment/student ID card with signature

If the name on the SECOND form of identification is different than it appears on the FIRST form of identification, candidates must bring proof of their name change (e.g., marriage license, divorce decree or court order).

Please Note: Candidates who do not have these 2 forms of identification, must contact IBLCE before the exam day to learn of their options. Candidates who need to update or make changes to their name, MUST contact IBLCE. Updates/changes can be made 72 hours prior to their appointment.

Candidates should allow adequate time for arrival at the exam site. Candidates are expected to arrive at the test centre 30 minutes prior to the scheduled appointment. This should give adequate time to complete the necessary sign-in procedures. Candidates who arrive more than 15 minutes late for their appointment, may be refused admission. Candidates who are refused admission will have their exam fees forfeited. Likewise, candidates who fail to register at the exam site on the day of the exam will forfeit all rights to any refund of exam fees. There are no exceptions to these rules.

Each exam site will be supervised and monitored by one or more proctors/test administrators. Candidates are expected to follow the rules announced by the proctors. The rules are in place to ensure that the exam administration is as free as possible from distractions and that all candidates are treated fairly. The proctors/test administrators will designate a location where personal belongings such as purses are to be stored during the exam. During the exam administration, proctors/test administrators will be monitoring the room for any signs of cheating or other inappropriate behaviour.

Use of electronic devices such as cell phones is not allowed during the exam. Candidates found in possession of and/or using such devices during the exam will be dismissed and their examinations will not be scored. There are no exceptions to this rule. Candidates are advised that some cell phone alarms will ring even if the phone is powered off. Candidates who bring their cell phones to the exam site must power off the phone (putting the phone on silent/mute is not sufficient) and store it in the place designated by the proctor. [Please note: Neither the proctors nor IBLCE are responsible for your personal property.] If a candidate's cell phone rings or the alarm function sounds during the exam administration, the candidate will be dismissed from the exam and their examination will not be scored. There are no exceptions to this rule.

Talking to another exam candidate is not permitted during the exam. Questions regarding the exam administration will be answered by the proctor/test administrator during orientation. Questions concerning the examination content are not permitted. Proctors/test administrators are not allowed to provide interpretation or clarification of exam questions. Nor are they allowed to define words. Cheating will not be tolerated. The proctor/test administrator has the authority to terminate the exam for anyone s/he determines is cheating.

Additionally, candidates may not discuss any examination questions after the examination with anyone, even those who also took the examination. This is strictly prohibited. This is both an ethical and legal issue, as it represents a misappropriation of IBLCE's intellectual property. IBLCE will take this matter very seriously and will address the same.

The exam will be administered in multiple choice format either by computer or by paper and pencil. For computer-based testing, the candidate will view and answer questions on the computer provided. For paper and pencil testing, the exam questions will be provided in a booklet and answers must be recorded on an answer sheet using a pencil.

Exam Results Notification

Official exam results will be mailed to candidates two to three months following the exam. Candidates who pass the exam will also receive their IBCLC certificate and identification card, along with their exam score report.

Requesting a Hand Score

Candidates who believe that their exam was not scored correctly may request hand score verification. More information on how to apply for a hand score can be found in the *IBLCE Appeals Policies* which can be downloaded from the "IBLCE Documents page of the "Resources" section of the IBLCE website.

Appealing an Exam Outcome

IBLCE will review appeals of adverse certification decisions from exam candidates. An adverse decision may be appealed for the following reasons: (1) alleged inappropriate examination administration procedures, (2) environmental testing conditions severe enough to cause a major disruption of the examination process and/or or other irregularities. Appeals regarding the following

will NOT be accepted: (1) the determination of the passing score, (2) the examination or other measurement tool or individual test items, or (3) test content validity. More information on appealing an exam outcome can be found in the *IBLCE Appeals Policies* which can be downloaded from the “IBLCE Documents page of the “Resources” section of the IBLCE website.

Exam Resit Policy

There is no limit to the number of times an unsuccessful candidate may apply to resit the IBCLC certification exam. Applicants who plan to resit the exam should carefully review their exam score report and complete education in those areas of the exam in which their performance was poor. To be eligible to take the exam again, a candidate must meet current eligibility requirements, submit an application for the applicable exam year, and pay the relevant exam fee.

IBCLC Registry

IBLCE reserves the right to publish the names of current IBCLCs. This Registry can be found on the IBLCE website in the “Verify” section.

Anti-Discrimination Policy

IBLCE shall be non-sectarian and shall not discriminate on the basis of ability/disability, gender identity, sexual orientation, sex, ethnicity, race, national origin, political persuasion, marital status, geographic location, religion, socioeconomic status, age, or any other basis prohibited by the laws of the United States of America or of the Commonwealth of Virginia, in its administration of its applications, examinations, or certification activities.

IBCLC Trademark Use Policy

The International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners (“IBLCE”) owns certain names, trademarks, and logos, including IBLCE and the certification marks International Board Certified Lactation Consultant and IBCLC (the “Marks”). Only those individuals who have met the IBLCE eligibility requirements, passed the IBLCE examination, and maintained the IBCLC certification may use the Marks. Use of the Marks may only be made in accordance with the *IBCLC Trademark Use Policy* and its terms and conditions which can be downloaded from the “IBLCE Documents” page of the “Resources” section of the IBLCE website.

Pathway Checklist

Pathway 1: Candidate with Clinical Experience in Lactation and Breastfeeding Care

- Health Sciences Education Courses: complete all 14 required courses
 - Individuals educated in one of the Recognised Health Professions may submit a copy of their license, registration, transcript, diploma or degree as evidence of completion of the 14 courses.
 - Individuals who are not recognised Health Professionals may submit copies of their transcript(s) and certificates as evidence of completion of the 14 courses.
- Lactation Specific Education: complete 90 hours of education
 - Certificates or a transcript may be submitted as evidence of completion of the required 90 hours of instruction.
- Lactation Specific Clinical Experience: complete a minimum of 1000 hours
 - If application is selected for audit, provide a completed copy of the Lactation Specific Clinical Practice Calculator.

Pathway 2: Candidate who has completed an Academic Program in Human Lactation and Breastfeeding

- Health Sciences Education Courses: complete all 14 required courses
 - Individuals educated in one of the Recognised Health Professions may submit a copy of their license, registration, transcript, diploma or degree as evidence of completion of the 14 courses.
 - Individuals who are not recognised Health Professionals may submit copies of their transcript(s) and certificates as evidence of completion of the 14 courses.
- Graduate from an academic program that integrates the following in the curriculum:
 - 90 hours of Lactation Specific Education
 - 300 hours of directly supervised Lactation Specific Clinical Experience
- A copy of your transcript, certificate or a letter from the academic program director may be submitted as evidence of graduation from the academic program.
 - If application is selected for audit, provide a completed copy of the Lactation Specific Clinical Practice Calculator.

Pathway 3: Candidate who has completed a Directly Supervised Clinical Mentorship

- Have a verified Pathway 3 Plan on file with IBLCE.
- Health Sciences Education Courses: complete all 14 required courses
 - Individuals educated in one of the Recognised Health Professions may submit a copy of their license, registration, transcript, diploma or degree as evidence of completion of the 14 courses.
 - Individuals who are not recognised Health Professionals may submit copies of their transcript(s) and certificates as evidence of completion of the 14 courses.
- Lactation Specific Education: complete 90 hours of education
 - Certificates or a transcript may be submitted as evidence of completion of the required 90 hours of instruction.
- Lactation Specific Clinical Experience: complete a minimum of 500 directly supervised hours as outlined in your Pathway 3 Plan
 - If application is selected for audit, provide a completed copy of the Lactation Specific Clinical Practice Calculator.

Please note: Candidates will be required to submit documentation only if their application is selected for audit.

IBLCE 2018 Fee Schedule for Initial Certification for Tier 1 Countries

Tier 1	Andorra, Aruba, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Belgium, Bermuda, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Cayman Islands, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Equatorial Guinea, Estonia, Falkland Islands, Finland, France, French Polynesia, Germany, Gibraltar, Greece, Greenland, Guadeloupe, Guam, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macau, Malaysia, Malta, Martinique, Monaco, Netherlands, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Poland, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Qatar, Reunion, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Korea, Spain, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Maarten, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Trinidad and Tobago, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States, Virgin Islands (British), Virgin Islands (US)
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Currency	Initial Exam Fee	Exam Resit Fee	Pathway 3 Plan Submission	Hand Score Fee	Non-Sufficient Funds/Failed Payment Fee (for cheques)	Refund for Initial Exam Candidates who are ineligible or withdraw by the specified deadline
USD	\$660	\$330	\$100	\$100	\$50 plus cost of service fee charged by IBLCE bank	\$330

Please visit iblce.org for up-to-date information about application deadlines.

The online exam application system requires USD and the rate is based on the exchange rate for that day. The system accepts credit cards and prepaid credit cards. If needed, please consult the Regional Director or Country Coordinator for details.

IBLCE 2018 Fee Schedule for Initial Certification for Tier 2 Countries

Tier 2	Albania, Algeria, American Samoa, Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Chile, China, Colombia, Cook Islands, Costa Rica, Croatia, Curacao, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Fiji, Gabon, Georgia, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Indonesia, Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kosovo, Lebanon, Libya, Macedonia, Maldives, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Montenegro, Montserrat, Morocco, Namibia, Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, St. Lucia, St. Martin, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Swaziland, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uruguay, Venezuela
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Currency	Initial Exam Fee	Exam Resit Fee	Pathway 3 Plan Submission	Hand Score Fee	Non-Sufficient Funds/Failed Payment Fee (for cheques)	Refund for Initial Exam Candidates who are ineligible or withdraw by the specified deadline
USD	\$400	\$200	\$75	\$90	\$50 plus cost of service fee charged by IBLCE bank	\$200

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The online exam application system requires USD and the rate is based on the exchange rate for that day. The system accepts credit cards and prepaid credit cards. If needed, please consult the Regional Director or Country Coordinator for details.

IBLCE 2018 Fee Schedule for Initial Certification for Tier 3 Countries

Tier 3	Afghanistan, Angola, Bangladesh, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Cote D'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Federated States of Micronesia, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Honduras, India, Kenya, Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Moldova, Mozambique, Myanmar (Burma), Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, North Korea, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, Samoa, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Syria, Tajikistan, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Tuvalu, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Viet Nam, Western Sahara, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe
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Currency	Initial Exam Fee	Exam Resit Fee	Pathway 3 Plan Submission	Hand Score Fee	Non-Sufficient Funds/Failed Payment Fee (for cheques)	Refund for Initial Exam Candidates who are ineligible or withdraw by the specified deadline
USD	\$255	\$127.50	\$50	\$70	\$50 plus cost of service fee charged by IBLCE bank	\$127.50

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