



May 29, 2020

Dear March/April 2020 IBCLC Examination Candidate:

As you know, the World Health Organization on March 11, 2020 declared COVID-19 a pandemic. At that point in time, COVID-19 was present in over 100 countries. Therefore, while exceedingly disappointing, IBLCE made the difficult decision to reschedule the IBCLC examination due to be administered March 30–April 3, 2020 and announced this on March 13, 2020. Much was unclear at that time. We understand that this was very disappointing news.

Scheduled for the examination administration were approximately 1,800 IBLCE test takers in 55 countries. IBLCE's global reach presented complexities. At the same time, given the third-party testing vendor's approximately 350 clients (some with multiple certification programmes requiring testing) in addition to IBLCE, the vendor was also faced with an unprecedented situation by COVID-19, having to reschedule 400,000 test takers in a highly compressed time frame.

Given the unprecedented and enormous complexity presented by this situation, it took some time for the pathway forward to come into focus. During this time, IBLCE disseminated the information then available via its website and social media.

As you know, IBLCE sent an email on April 22, 2020 advising that it did not anticipate being able to administer the postponed examination before September 2020.

IBLCE communicated on April 29, 2020 via the website and social media that more definitive information regarding the rescheduling of the examination would be available in late May.

Therefore, IBLCE is writing to you now with the dates for the rescheduled examination as well as providing you with further information.

IBLCE is creating a COVID-19 Resource Centre on the IBLCE website for you to reference going forward. This will be available next week. This resource centre will provide updates as they become available. It will be updated weekly even if no new information is available in a given week.

Important Updates for March/April Examination Candidates

2020 Examination Window: September 8 – 25, 2020

March/April candidates will take the examination in September in the same testing window as the September candidates.

You do *not* need to reapply for the examination.

Examination Scheduling Will Begin in July

Information on examination scheduling will be available in July. There is nothing for you to do at this time.

Weekly Updates at IBLCE's New COVID-19 Resource Centre

The COVID-19 Resource Centre will be your go-to place for examination-related news moving forward. The Resource Centre will be available next week and then updated on a weekly basis.

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Chair of the Board of Directors Norma Escobar, IBCLC, RLC, gave a special informational webinar regarding the 2020 examination and other IBLCE updates. Watch [here!](#)

We know that the IBCLC credential is important to you. With that in mind, the decisions regarding postponement and your available options to earn, or maintain, the IBCLC credential, have been thoughtfully considered during this extraordinary time.

We appreciate the care you provide to breastfeeding families worldwide, especially at this uncertain time. This is essential work. Thank you!

The Board and Staff of IBLCE

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