**IFBA Professional Recertification – Biocontainment Facility Design, Operations, & Maintenance**

**Name:**

**Address:**

**City: Country:**

**Postal /ZIP Code:**

**Employer/Organization:**

**IFBA Candidate ID Number:**

**Date of Initial Certification:**

**Email Address:**

 IFBA Professional Certifications are valid for a period of 5 years after which the certificants must undergo a recertification process. Recertification cycles begin the day an individual becomes certified and ends on December 31st of the 5th full year following the start of the certificants cycle. The program requires that individuals holding a Professional Certification in Biocontainment Facility Design, Operations, & Maintenance acquire a total of **40 points** across the categories defined below and earn the minimum required points in each category. Certificants will be asked to attest to attaining the required number of points and submit supporting documentation. The IFBA will send certificants a reminder at the beginning of the calendar year in which the 5 year recertification is due. However it is recommended that certificants track their professional activities throughout the 5 year cycle and not wait until they are notified.

**Complete Professional Certification Renewal Forms may be submitted by email to the IFBA Secretariat at secretariat@internationalbiosafety.org. Incomplete forms will not be accepted for review.**

*(Note: in cases of significant changes in the competence standard, a re-examination may be necessary for recertification. Certificants who are unable to acquire the required number of points across each category may appeal to the Certification Body for recertification through a combination of re-examination and point accumulation).*

**Recertification Domains**

1. Maintaining Core Knowledge /Skills (a minimum of 10 points must be obtained in this category per recertification cycle)
2. Participation in biocontainment facility related meetings, seminars, symposia and conferences (1 point / day\*)

*Acceptable documentation – copy of the conference or meeting agenda and proof of attendance (e.g. registration receipt)*

1. Participation in biocontainment facility training courses and workshops (1 point/day\*)

*Acceptable documentation - copy of the course or workshop agenda, and course certificate and/or proof of attendance*

*(Note: unless the course undergoes substantial revision, points will not be awarded for attending the same training course more than once during the recertification period)*

1. Membership in a professional biorisk and/or biosafety association that includes a focus on biocontainment (1 point/year)

*Acceptable documentation – copy of membership certificate*

1. Professional Development Activities (a minimum of 15 points must be obtained in this category per recertification cycle)
2. Authorship of articles, book chapters, and peer-reviewed journal publications on biocontainment facilities (2 points/article, 5 points/book chapter, 5 points/peer-reviewed journal publication)

*Acceptable documentation – copy of the article, book chapter, or publication*

1. Contributing to biocontainment facility guidelines & standards (5 points per guideline or standard)

*Acceptable documentation – copy of the guideline or standard indicating contribution made to document*

1. Delivering a paper, presentation or poster session on aspects of biocontainment facilities at a conference or meeting (1 point/presentation/poster; 2 points/keynote presentation)

*Acceptable documentation – copy of the conference program indicting paper presented (Note – points will not be awarded for presenting the same paper more than once during the recertification period)*

1. Delivering training and education in biocontainment facilities (2 points/day\* of instruction)

*Acceptable documentation – copy of training course agenda indicating courses taught*

*(Note – points will not be awarded for teaching the same training course more than once during the recertification period)*

1. Completing biocontainment facility related college or university courses (5 points/course)

*Acceptable documentation – description of course content and proof of successful completion*

1. Serving on a committee/working group or holding elected office in a biorisk or biosafety association that includes a focus on biocontainment (2 points/year of service)

*Acceptable documentation – letter from association verifying service on committee or as an officer*

1. Mentoring or coaching others in respect to biocontainment facilities (2 points/mentee/year); Mentees can earn 1 point/year

*Acceptable documentation – description of activities and letter from mentee/mentor verifying assistance given*

1. Development and/or authorship of electronic resources, blogs, videos, web-based training tools on biocontainment facilities (2 points/electronic resource developed; 1 point per year of maintaining electronic resource up-to-date)

*Acceptable documentation – copy of the electronic resource*

1. Organizing a biocontainment related conference, event, meeting, and/or symposium (2 points/event)

*Acceptable documentation – copy of the event agenda*

1. Confirmation of Continuing Satisfactory Work & Work Experience (a minimum of 15 points must be obtained in this category per recertification cycle)
2. Engaging in biocontainment facility professional practice (5 points/year when biocontainment function represents at least 50% of the position duties; 2 points/year when the biosafety cabinet function represents 20%-50% of position duties per year)

*Acceptable documentation – letter from employer describing biocontainment related practices and responsibilities.*

1. Contributing to institutional biocontainment facility policies and practices (2 points per policy and/or practice)

*Acceptable documentation – copy/description of the policy /practice indicating contribution made*

\**1 day = at least 5 hours of instruction/training/meeting*

**IFBA Professional Certification Renewal Form**

*Please fill out this form to calculate the cumulative points earned by year and aforementioned domain.*

**Name: Initial Certification Date: Current Date:**

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| **Calendar Year** | **Points Earned by Domain** | **Total** |
| **1****Maintaining Core Knowledge** | **2****Professional Development Activities** | **3****Confirmation of** **Continuing Satisfactory Work & Work Experience** | **Points Earned for Year** |
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| **Domain Points Required** | **10** | **15** | **15** | **40** |

1. **Maintaining Core Knowledge / Skills**

***10 Points Required***

1. *Participation in biocontainment facility related meetings, seminars, symposia, and conferences*
2. *Participation in biocontainment facility training courses and workshops*

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| **Date** | **Affiliated/Host Organization** | **Title of Event (Meeting, Seminar, Symposia, Conference, Course, or Workshop)** | **Location of Event (Meeting, Seminar, Symposia, Conference, Course, or Workshop)** | **Points Towards Recertification** |
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1. *Membership in a professional biosafety and/or biocontainment association*

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1. **Professional Development Activities**

***15 Points Required***

1. *Authorship of articles, book chapters, and peer-reviewed journal publications on biocontainment facilities*
2. *Contributing to biocontainment facility guidelines and standards*
3. *Delivering a paper, presentation, or poster session on aspects of biocontainment facilities at conferences or meetings*

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| **Date** | **Title of Presented/Authored Material(s)** | **Brief Description of Presented/Authored Materials** | **Points Towards Recertification** |
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1. *Delivering training and education in biocontainment facilities*
2. *Completing biocontainment facility related college or university courses*

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| **Date** | **Host Organization/Title of Course** | **Role in Teaching or Attendance**  | **Brief Description of Covered Topics** | **Points Towards Recertification** |
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1. *Serving on a committee or holding elected office in a biorisk or biosafety association that includes a focus on biocontainment*

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1. *Mentoring or coaching others in respect to biocontainment facilities*

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1. *Development and/or authorship of electronic resources, blogs, videos, web-based training tools on biocontainment facilities*

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1. *Organizing a biocontainment related conference, event, meeting, and/or symposium*

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| **Date** | **Affiliated/Host Organization** | **Title of Event (Meeting, Seminar, Symposia, Conference, Course, or Workshop)** | **Location of Event (Meeting, Seminar, Symposia, Conference, Course, or Workshop)** | **Points Towards Recertification** |
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1. **Confirmation of Continuing Satisfactory Work & Work Experience**

***15 Points Required***

1. *Engaging in biocontainment facility professional practice*
2. *Contributing to institutional biocontainment facility policies and practices*

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| **Date** | **Affiliated/Employer Organization** | **Position** | **Brief Description of Activities** | **Points Towards Recertification** |
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