

AIRS Certification

Certified Information & Referral Specialist (CIRS)

Awarded to



BY THE NUMBERS

As of Dec. 2016 there were more than 4,730 specialists holding AIRS certifications:

2,174 - CIRS A/D
(1,836 CIRS A/D; 338 CIRS-A)

1,798 - CIRS

329 - CRS

368 - CIRS-Canadian

61 - CRS-Canadian



AIRS Certification is the professional credentialing program for individuals working within the I&R sector of human services

The AIRS Certification Program awards professional credentials internationally based on established standards for the field of information and referral. Being AIRS Certified sets you apart, and shows that you are a recognized professional in the I&R field, having proven a high level of knowledge, skills and abilities.

The AIRS Certification Program operates in accordance with national credentialing practices to measure and recognize competence in the I&R profession, thus improving the professionalism of the field and the quality of service provided to the public. AIRS Certification benefits you, your organization, and the communities you serve.

AIRS offers three certifications:

- Certified Information and Referral Specialist (CIRS)
- Certified Resource Specialist (CRS)
- Certified Information and Referral Specialist - Aging/Disabilities (CIRS-A/D) in partnership with [NASUAD](#) and [n4a](#).

There are separate Canadian examinations available for both CIRS and CRS in partnership with [InformCanada](#).

Who can become AIRS Certified?:

Candidates may apply to take the certification examination once they are eligible. Eligibility is based on I&R and equivalent experience combined with educational background. Please check the website for eligibility requirements and to see if you are ready to apply. I&R practitioners are eligible for initial certification only for the jobs they actually perform and/or directly supervise and must be currently engaged in CIRS, CIRS-A/D, or CRS work.



The cost of a basic certification application is:

US \$95 for AIRS members. (Discounts may apply based on AIRS member level.)
\$250 for non-members

Canada - \$80 for AIRS/InformCanada members. \$250 for non-members.

Other fees, such as those for exam retakes and re-certifications, are listed on the website.

Where can I take the exam?:

AIRS Certification exams are completed online. They are offered at sites around the United States and Canada year round, and also at the annual AIRS Conference. In addition, applicants may choose to take the exam at home or at work through a webcam and internet remote proctor service.

For more information:
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