



DRI International

**Certification Program
for
Business Continuity Planners**

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DRI International

Overview

- ◆ **Introduce DRI International**
- ◆ **Review the benefits of certification**
- ◆ **Review DRI certification program**
- ◆ **Summary**





DRI International

- ◆ **Established in 1988**
- ◆ **Independent, Not-For-Profit Corporation**
- ◆ **Elected Certification Board**
- ◆ **Certified Professional Instructors**
- ◆ **Over 2,750 have been certified**
- ◆ **Over 10,775 class attendees**
- ◆ **Over 5,550 CDRP/CBCP/MBCP Exams administered**



DRI Organization

International Organization

- ◆ **Board of Directors**
- ◆ **Certification Board**
- ◆ **Administrative Staff**

International Affiliates

- ◆ **Board of Directors**
- ◆ **Certification Committee**
- ◆ **Administrative Staff**

International Representatives





Certification

- ◆ **Recognition of professional development**
- ◆ **Process resulting in authoritative endorsement**
- ◆ **Recognition within profession or discipline**





Certification Benefits

- ◆ **Individuals**
- ◆ **Employers**
- ◆ **Profession**
- ◆ **Industry Group**
- ◆ **Society**





Certification Program

- ◆ **Job delineation**
- ◆ **Definition of a Body of Knowledge**
- ◆ **Preparation of a formal education curricula**
- ◆ **Development of well defined examinations**
- ◆ **Recertification**
- ◆ **Enforcement mechanism**



Current Certification Programs

- ◆ **Disaster Recovery Institute**
- ◆ **Business Continuity Institute**





DRI Certification Program

Certification Levels

- ◆ **ABCP - Associate Business Continuity Planner**
- ◆ **CBCP - Certified Business Continuity Professional**
- ◆ **MBCP - Master Business Continuity Professional**



DRI Certification Qualifications

Associate Business Continuity Planner

- ◆ **Basic Certification**
- ◆ **Passing score on CBCP Examination (75%)**
- ◆ **Submit application**
- ◆ **Approved by DRI International**
- ◆ **Payment of fees**



DRI Certification Qualifications

Certified Business Continuity Professional

- ◆ **Passing score on CBCP Examination (75%)**
- ◆ **2 years experience in 3 subject areas of Professional Practices**
- ◆ **Submit application - experience verified**
- ◆ **Approved by the Certification Board**
- ◆ **Continuing professional development**
- ◆ **Payment of fees**

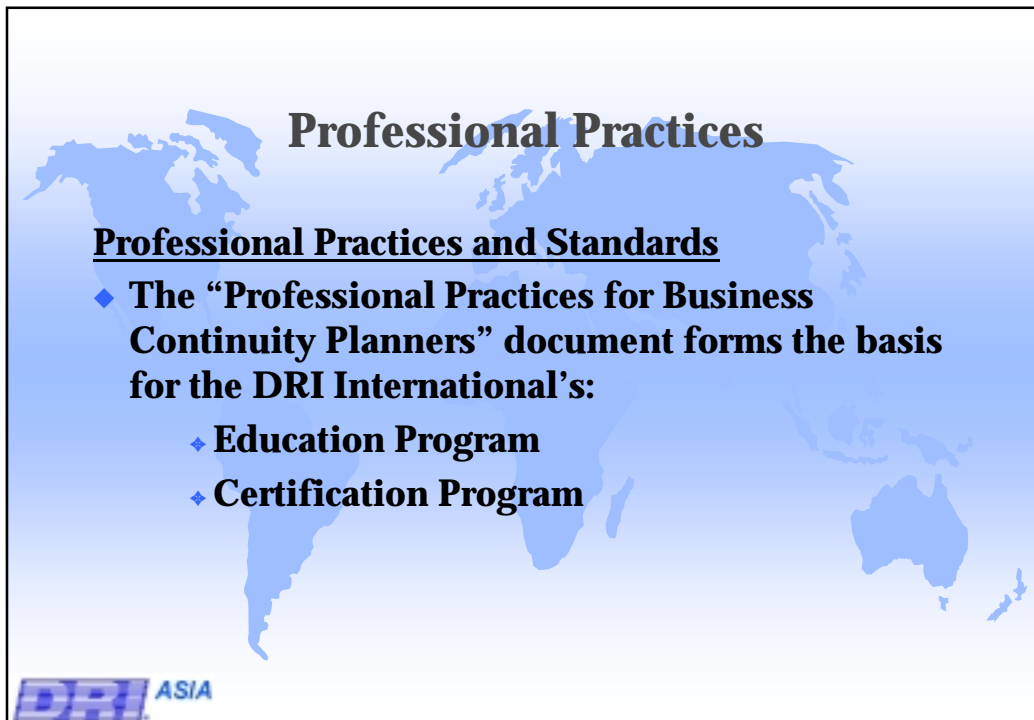


DRI Certification Qualifications

Master Business Continuity Professional

- ◆ **Passing score on CBCP Examination (85%)**
- ◆ **5 years experience in 7 subject areas of Professional Practices**
- ◆ **Pass a Case Study Examination or develop a DRI International Directed Research Paper**
- ◆ **Submit application - experience verified**
- ◆ **Approved by the Certification Board**
- ◆ **Continuing professional development**
- ◆ **Payment of fees**






Professional Practices

Professional Practices and Standards

- ◆ **The “Professional Practices for Business Continuity Planners” document forms the basis for the DRI International’s:**
 - ◆ **Education Program**
 - ◆ **Certification Program**



Professional Practices

- ◆ **Project Initiation and Management**
- ◆ **Risk Evaluation and Control - Analysis**
- ◆ **Business Impact Analysis**
- ◆ **Developing Continuity Strategies**
- ◆ **Emergency Response**
- ◆ **Develop & Implement the Plan**
- ◆ **Organization Awareness Programs & Training**
- ◆ **Maintaining & Exercising the Plan**
- ◆ **Public Relations & Crisis Communication**
- ◆ **Coordination with Public Authorities**



DRI Certification Renewal

- ◆ **80 continuing education points over a 2 year period**
- ◆ **Business Continuity or Disaster Recovery related**
- ◆ **Professional development**
- ◆ **Courses and conferences**
- ◆ **Professional common interest groups**
- ◆ **Teaching / course development**
- ◆ **Enhancing certification program**



Certification Examinations

Testing

- ◆ **Examination based upon the “Professional Practices for Business Continuity Planners”**
- ◆ **Structured**
- ◆ **Tightly controlled**
- ◆ **Applicant can re-take examination within 12 months for a nominal fee**



Certification Examinations

Examination

- ◆ **Based upon Professional Practices**
- ◆ **Designed to test cognitive job related skills**
 - Recall
 - Understanding and interpretation
 - Problem solving
 - Analytical ability
 - Evaluation --priorities
 - Conclusions



DRI Certification Board

- ◆ **Responsibilities**
 - Establish guidelines and ethics for certification
 - Review and approve testing criteria and methods
 - Review examination results and act upon applications
- ◆ **Operational Guidelines**
 - Evaluate only qualifications of candidates
 - Assure that the certification process remains free of improper influence



Summary

- ◆ **DRI International provides:**
 - **Certification based upon experience and knowledge**
 - **Periodic recertification**
 - **Experience criteria**
 - **Structured, controlled examinations**
 - **Certification Board**
 - **Broad base of support**
- ◆ **Not - for - profit**
 - **Revenue used to support and improve certification and education program**

