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RE: Survey – Certified Deafblind Intervenor Specialist Certification Exam

As you may know, an intervenor certification is being developed in Canada called the Certified Deafblind Intervenor Specialist (CDBIS) certification. The Academy for Certification of Vision Rehabilitation & Education Professionals or ACVREP is the certification company that we selected. A group of Subject Matter Experts (SME) have been working on the creation of this certification. We are now working on the last stages of development and we need your valued input as we create the certification exam.

Intervenors will be assessed on their knowledge of this profession and the key skills related to the job of an intervenor, as outlined in the Body of Knowledge and Applied Competencies. The SME consulted standards already developed by the Intervenor Services Human Resource Strategy (ISHRS), so our work as a sector with ISHRS, is being utilized to the fullest.

The SME have just completed a process of writing testing objectives for each of the knowledge, skills, and judgements considered critical for an exam. The following survey has been created to gather crucial feedback from the field.

The survey starts with an introductory section where we gather demographic information to ensure we have a broad range of intervenors and professionals providing us with feedback. This information will not be used for any purpose other than survey analysis.

The second part of the survey is the feedback section where we are asking you to rank the importance and the frequency of each objective we have listed for the certification exam, essentially weighing each component so that we can analyse what percentage of the questions should be focused on for the exam. Your feedback will be gathered, and the results will be used to construct a 'blueprint' to write exam questions. This part of the survey requires time for reflection and consideration as you weigh the importance and frequency.

You will be asked to rate the Objectives that have been divided into Domains. You will rate each objective on each of the two scales: Importance and Frequency. You may also make comments on each objective if you choose, but it is not required.

Scales:

Importance: On this scale, rate how important you believe this objective is for this exam. The lowest number represents little or no importance, while the highest number represents the highest possible importance.



Frequency: On this scale, rate how often this task or objective would need to be performed by an examinee who should be certified. The lowest number indicates the lowest frequency and the highest number represents the highest frequency.

Rate each objective in each domain (scroll down to see all objectives in some sections) then press the Next button at the bottom of the screen to advance to the next section.

Once you finish rating the objectives, the next button will automatically move to Part 3 of the Survey.

Part 3: Section Distribution

This part of the survey is asking what percent of the exam should be focused on each of the domains of the exam. The domains show up on the left, and you type the percent of the exam you feel should be devoted to that section in the box to the right. The percentages need to add up to 100 percent and the survey totals the percentages you have entered at the bottom of the screen next to Total Weight.

If you want to review any of your ratings, click the arrow by the section title and the objectives in that section along with your ratings will appear. When you are finished, you can press the Complete Survey button and the survey will close.

The survey should take about 30 minutes to complete. If you are not able to complete the survey in one session, you may come back, enter your email address, and continue from where you left of. Please complete the survey by **May 30, 2020**.

Here is the link to access the survey:

<https://blueprint.itemexperts.com/survey?sid=B5290C6F-80C9-414E-89F4-59C041E78D8A>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sherry Grabowski".

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