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Dear Adrienne,

This letter is in response to your notification of updates to the certification and regulation process for genetic counsellors under the HGSA, as well as inquiry regarding certification pathways through the Canadian Board of Genetic Counselling (CBGC).

The CBGC recognizes the HGSA as an accrediting body for genetic counsellors in Australasia. As before, new graduates who complete a Masters of Genetic Counselling through HGSA accredited programs are eligible to apply to sit for the CBGC Examination through CBGC *Certification Pathway B: Special Consideration*. These candidates remain ineligible to apply through *Pathway A* as the programs are not directly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Genetic Counseling (ACGC).

Additionally, individuals who have achieved certification through the HGSA Board of Censors for Genetic Counselling remain eligible to apply to sit for the the CBGC examination through *Pathway D: Certified genetic counsellors (including HGSA) who graduated from a Masters program in Genetic Counselling*.

Please note, that there have been updates to both log book requirements as well as letters of recommendation required to apply through both *Pathway B* and *Pathway D* that will take effect 2023. Further details can be found on our website under the required documents and in logbook instructions on the certification page: <https://www.cbgc-cccg.ca/?page=5>.

The CBGC also maintains a publicly accessible online list of [Canadian Certified Genetic Counsellors](#). This list does not include genetic counsellors whose certification has expired or who failed to meet re-certification requirements.

We appreciate your updates to the practices and certification of genetic counsellors in Australasia, and look forward to continuing to support international opportunities for genetic counsellors while maintaining the integrity and high standards of the genetic counselling profession alongside the HGSA.

Kind regards,
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