



Dear CATA Members,

The Canadian Red Cross (CRC) along with other CPR providers is discontinuing their CPR-HCP and replacing it with BLS (Basic Life Support) as of January 2019. The last day CPR-HCP will be offered by CRC is January 10, 2019. As of January 1, 2019, the CATA will be replacing the CPR-HCP requirement with BLS. In order to maintain status, members will now be required to hold a valid BLS certification.

If you currently have a valid CPR-HCP certification that has not expired yet, this will still be accepted for your maintenance of status. Upon expiration of your current CPR-HCP, you will need to certify in BLS in order to maintain status. BLS requires annual renewal and can be found through organizations such as the Heart and Stroke Foundation and the Canadian Red Cross.

Below are FAQs. If you have any additional questions, please contact the national office at [info@athletictherapy.org](mailto:info@athletictherapy.org)

Sincerely,

CATA Board of Directors

### **Replacing CPR-HCP with BLS – FAQs**

1. My CPR-HCP doesn't expire for 2 years. What can I do?

If your CPR-HCP is still valid, then you can continue with it until it expires at which time you will be required to submit a valid BLS certification.

2. My CPR-HCP expires on December 31, 2018 and I've already paid for my new course.

We will need proof of purchase of the new course before December 31, 2018 in order to accept CPR-HCP as maintenance of status. Once it expires, the same rules apply as

above. BLS requires annual renewals and can be found through organizations such as the Heart and Stroke Foundation and the Canadian Red Cross

3. I'm an international member and I don't have access to BLS where I live. How do I get my certification?

If you live in the U.S., the American Heart Association and Red Cross offer BLS. If you live in other countries, before purchasing a course, please send a copy of the course content to [info@athletictherapy.org](mailto:info@athletictherapy.org) so it can be reviewed for eligibility.

4. I am a certification candidate applying for the exam. How does this affect me?

Requirements for applying to the exam have not changed. You are still required to submit a valid First Responder when applying to write the National Certification Exam.

5. I am applying for major games opportunities. How does this affect me?

Requirements for applying to major games will not be affected. You are still required to submit a valid First Responder certification with your major games application.

If you have other questions, please contact [info@athletictherapy.org](mailto:info@athletictherapy.org). Thank you.