

# CERTIFIED MEDICAL DEVICE REPROCESSING TECHNICIAN (CMDRT)

*Promoting Public Health and Safety through Professional Certification*

PERSONNEL CERTIFICATION SERVICES

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## Reinforcing Infection Control Practices

A healthcare acquired infection is an often unpleasant, unnecessary and sometimes fatal outcome of a hospital visit. The Canadian Nosocomial Surveillance Program estimates that 220,000 Canadians develop hospital-acquired infections each year and 8,000 of them will die. The vast body of literature documenting hospital acquired infections makes a compelling case for the need for a national program to validate the competency of personnel responsible for the cleaning, disinfection and sterilization of medical instruments and devices. To meet this need, the CMDRT Personnel Certification has been developed by CSA and CSA America in conjunction with industry stakeholders to provide assurance that an individual possesses the knowledge, skills and abilities deemed necessary to perform the critical function of a Medical Device Reprocessing Technician.



### Strengthen your Credentials

If you are already working in the sterile services industry, why not take your career one step further and be formally recognized for the important work you do to promote patient health and safety, by becoming a *Certified Medical Device Reprocessing Technician*. The CMDRT is the first Canadian national certification program for personnel responsible for the reprocessing of reusable medical devices. It conforms to Canadian Standards and Best Practices, and complements certifications in infection prevention & control, nursing and related healthcare professions. If you're a recent graduate of a recognized reprocessing educational program, with demonstrated practical skills and experience, increase your mobility and marketability with this recognized third-party professional designation.

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### Benefits of the Certification

The CMDRT certification examines each candidate's in-depth knowledge of reprocessing to ensure that, if successful, the candidate possesses the knowledge and skills of a CMDRT. The certification will also lend consistency to the application of excellence in re-processing practice; it will establish the body of knowledge necessary to guide national education and training, and raise the profile of technicians by bringing attention to the very important role they play in Canadian healthcare settings.

All of CSA's personnel certification programs are developed in compliance with the ISO 17024 standard, the *global benchmark* for organizations operating personnel certification programs and which outlines the methods and procedures required to ensure the objective and unbiased assessment of a candidate's knowledge, skills and abilities.



### Take the next step to Certification

For more information on applying for certification download the Program Handbook and application by visiting our website at [www.csa-america.org](http://www.csa-america.org) or e-mail us at [personnel-certification@csa-america.org](mailto:personnel-certification@csa-america.org). Have a specific question about the CMDRT certification? – contact the **Product Manager** at 416-747-2320.

### About CSA Standards

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As technologies continue to grow and evolve, and as the labor force grows more mobile, so has the need for a method to consistently assess, certify and measure

individual worker knowledge. In response to this growing need, CSA America, Inc. develops and manages personnel certification programs in North America to the requirements of ANSI/ISO/IEC 17024:2003 *General Requirements for bodies Operating Certification Systems of Persons*. Current operating programs include CNG (Compressed Natural Gas) Fuel System Inspector, Gas Laboratory Technicians, Greenhouse Gas Inventory Quantifier, Greenhouse Gas Verifier, and Certified Medical Device Reprocessing Technicians.

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