

**International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners  
Commitment to Serve/Board Member Agreement**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am fully committed and dedicated to the mission of the International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners (IBLCE) and pledge to carry out this mission in a trustworthy and diligent manner.

I understand that I am accepting a three-year commitment to serve the International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners. This service will involve:

1. Actively promoting the IBLCE examination and the credential of the International Board Certified Lactation Consultant as the *highest professional* standard in Lactation Consultation.
2. Actively supporting and abiding by the IBLCE Code of Ethics, including the provisions of Article 7 of the International Code of Marketing Breast-milk Substitutes which applies to health care workers.
3. Attending two board meetings each year, being available for consultation by telephone and/or e-mail and serving on at least one committee as appointed by the Chair or elected by the membership of the Board.
4. Abiding by the By-laws and policies of the organization and understanding that I have a moral obligation to ensure the health and well being of the IBLCE.
5. Coming to Board meetings prepared to contribute to the discussion of policy issues and as an expert in a certain subject matter or practice area of lactation.
6. Reviewing the draft of the examination prior to the March Board meeting, identifying questions of concern and forwarding concerns to the Examination Committee Chair prior to the meeting.
7. Observing parliamentary procedures outlined in Roberts Rules of Order to ensure that the meetings are productive and courteous, and trusting all Board Members to carry out this agreement to the best of their ability.
8. Refraining from intruding in administrative matters that are the responsibility of the Executive Director, except to monitor examination result and prohibit methods incongruent with Board policy.
9. Agreeing that I may not take the IBLCE examination for three calendar years following my last contact with exam questions or pictures.

10. Agreeing that I may not be involved in any exam preparation courses during my time as a Board Member or for three years following the date my term as a Board Member ends<sup>1</sup>.
11. Agreeing that, during the time I am on the Board and at all future times, I will not use my membership on the IBLCE Board for commercial gain by representing, implicitly or explicitly that I possess: (1) confidential information about the content of the IBLCE examination; or (2) any other confidential IBLCE information.

If for any reason, I find myself unable to carry out the above duties, I agree to resign as a member of the IBLCE.

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Signature

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Date

Accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies, a division of the National Organization for Competency Assurance, Washington, D.C.

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<sup>1</sup> 'Involvement in exam preparation courses' in any IBLCE policy refers to the development, direction or teaching of breastfeeding courses that are primarily designed and/or promoted as IBLCE exam preparation courses. A person's position with IBLCE cannot be used as an advertising tool for any breastfeeding course, although it may be placed on a CV.

It is acceptable to give occasional education sessions as a guest speaker in these courses, produce course guidelines using the exam blueprint and other information in the public domain and develop, direct or teach breastfeeding courses that are not designed or promoted to prepare candidates for the IBLCE exam. Advertising for these courses should specifically state that they are not exam preparation courses.