

Information about Applying for Financial Assistance

MILCC, Monetary Investment for Lactation Consultant Certification, is an international organization that provides financial assistance to applicants who are seeking certification or recertification by the International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners (IBLCE).

Full or partial financial assistance for exam or recertification fees is available for applicants who demonstrate financial disadvantage, with priority given to applicants who work with under-served or disadvantaged families. The number of applicants supported each year, in both developed and developing countries throughout the world, depends on the availability of funds, which come from donations, grants and the sale of IBCLC lapel pins.

A MILCC applicant must have **completed** all IBLCE eligibility requirements (including background courses, lactation education and practice hours) at the time of application, otherwise the MILCC application cannot be considered.

Closing date: Your application must be *postmarked* on or before January 31 in the year you wish to be a candidate for the IBLCE exam or to recertify by exam or by CERPs.

**Follow the instructions on the MILCC Application Form.
Make a copy of your whole application for your own records.**

**Mail your *complete* IBLCE Application *and* your MILCC Application *together*,
direct to IBLCE at the IBLCE Office address in your *Candidate Information Guide*.**

Only a complete MILCC application will be considered, and only when it is submitted with a complete IBLCE application. You must include *all* required information and accompanying materials for both applications.

Once your IBLCE eligibility is established, the MILCC application will be sent to MILCC for assessment. MILCC will only consider applicants who have been assessed by IBLCE as fully eligible to be accepted as a candidate for the IBLCE exam (or for recertification).

MILCC cannot assess your application without a detailed presentation about your family income and circumstances, as well as detailed information about your paid and/or voluntary work.

Your MILCC Application is active only for the year you apply to be a candidate for the IBLCE exam or to recertify. You will be notified as soon as possible whether your application has been successful, but at the latest by May 31. If you are not funded, you may choose to proceed with your exam or recertification application at your own expense, at the early deadline fee, or (in the case of an exam applicant) you may decide to wait and apply again in a later year. If you are a CERPs recertification applicant who is not funded, you may choose to proceed with your recertification application at your own expense, at the standard deadline fee.

If you receive assistance, you may be requested to complete a survey form about your lactation consultant practice for the year following the year when assistance was received. Application for financial assistance constitutes agreement to complete such a survey.

MILCC

Monetary Investment for Lactation Consultant Certification

Application Form

Please read carefully the Information about Applying for Financial Assistance

Date: _____

Applicant's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (work) (_____) _____ (home) (_____) _____

Fax: (work) (_____) _____ (home) (_____) _____

e-mail: _____

Have you been a candidate for the IBLCE exam before? Yes No If yes, when? _____

Please list the languages you speak: _____

Please list any other credentials you hold: (e.g., RN, MD) _____

1. Describe your financial situation outlining your reasons for requesting assistance.

Explain why MILCC should extend financial assistance to you so you can certify or recertify as an IBCLC. It is in your best interests to provide sufficient information and documentation to prove and support your case. Attach appropriate documents showing **family income** (e.g. recent tax returns, assessments or documents showing current income). If your tax return/assessment for the most recent year has not been prepared at the time of your application, you could include a copy of the previous year's return /assessment with copies of recent pay slips indicating the current year's family income. If necessary, include a declaration outlining your family circumstances, signed before a Commissioner for Declarations, Justice of the Peace or equivalent. In all documents, the currency must be clearly indicated.

_____ (attach additional pages as needed, and supporting documentation)

2. Describe your paid and/or voluntary work and the extent to which this includes working with under-served or disadvantaged families.

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3. Describe your anticipated use of the IBCLC credential. Where do you plan to work and does this include working with under-served or disadvantaged families? How will being (or continuing to be) an IBCLC enhance your effectiveness?

_____ (attach additional pages as needed)

4. Write here the amount of financial assistance requested, showing the currency and whether the fees are exam or recertification. The early fee rates apply. Please note that MILCC is only able to cover IBLCE exam or recertification fees. If you need assistance for study materials and/or travel to the nearest exam site, you should seek funding from alternative sources.

I certify that all the information provided as part of this application and all attached documents are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Mail your *complete* MILCC Application in the same package as your *complete* IBLCE Exam or Recertification Application including all supporting documentation for both applications. MILCC Applications must be postmarked on or before January 31