

Certified Wellness Coach Recertification Webinar

July 17, 2025

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Housekeeping and Introduction

- This webinar is hosted in Microsoft Teams, if you're not familiar with the platform, you can find the chat and view controls in the menu bar at the top of your screens
- The chat option will be open for asking questions during the Q&A session, which is at the end of this webinar
- This webinar will be recorded and will be available within 7-10 business days



Opening Remarks & HCAI Overview

Sharmil Shah, PsyD, Behavioral Health and Policy Branch Chief



HCAl's Vision and Mission



Vision

A healthier California where all receive equitable, affordable, and quality health care.

Mission

HCAI expands equitable access to quality, affordable health care for all Californians through resilient facilities, actionable information, and the health workforce each community needs.



HCAI Program Areas

- Facilities: Monitor the construction, renovation, and seismic safety of California's hospitals and skilled nursing facilities.
- Financing: Provide loan insurance for non-profit healthcare facilities to develop or expand services.



- Workforce: Expand and diversify California's health workforce for underserved areas and populations.
- Data: Collect, manage, analyze, and report actionable information about California's healthcare landscape.
- Affordability: Improve health care affordability through data analysis, spending targets, and measures to advance value. Enforce hospital billing protections, and provide generic drugs at a low, transparent price.



HCAI Health Workforce Approach and Strategy



HCAI enables the expansion and development of a health workforce that reflects

California's diversity while addressing supply shortages and inequities. We do this by administering programs and funding and publishing actionable data about California's health workforce and training.



Focus Our Programs in Four Areas

Develop, support and expand a health workforce that:

- Serves medically underserved areas
- Serves Medi-Cal members
- Reflects and responds to the needs of California's population

Offer programs that provide financial support for:

- Organizations building the workforce pipeline
- Organizations expanding educational capacity
- Individuals pursuing health careers
- Organizations supporting providers and addressing retention



Certified Wellness Coach Recertification Ben Gamache, Policy Analyst, Behavioral Health and Policy



Recertification Requirements - Overview

- Certification renewal is required every two (2) years to maintain certification.
- Certification is considered inactive if not renewed by its expiration date.
- Applicants must complete 20 hours of continuing education prior to submitting the renewal application.
- Applicants must submit proof of their hours in their certification portal.

Notification Timeline

HCAI will send you email notifications beginning 6 months before your recertification deadline.

The renewal notification timeline will be as follows:

- 6 months before the deadline
- 3 months before the deadline
- 1 month before the deadline
- 1 week before the deadline
- 3 days before the deadline
- 1 day before the deadline

Missing Your Deadline

Individuals who do not meet the recertification requirements by the deadline, will result in a certification being changed from "active" to "inactive" status.

Their employer will no longer be eligible to bill Medi-Cal for their services until their "active" status is reinstated.

This status will be displayed in the individual's certification portal as well as the employer search portal.

Continuing Education - Topics

Certified Wellness Coaches are required to complete 20 hours of continuing education every two years. Trainings must be in the following topic areas:

- Core Competencies: Education in core areas such as mental health assessment, intervention strategies, and case management specific to children, youth, & families.
- Cultural Responsiveness: Minimum of three (3) hours of education related to culturally relevant education to populations being served.
- Laws and Ethics: Minimum of three (3) hours in laws and ethics training.

Continuing Education – Acceptable Sources

California Mental Health Services Authority-approved continuing education training providers.

County Behavioral Health Departments and Community-Based Organizations.

School systems (i.e., Local Education Agencies, County Offices of Education, and Charter Management Organizations).

Institutions of Higher Education (i.e., California Community Colleges, California State Universities, Universities of California, and private nonprofit universities).

Professional certification and licensing boards (i.e., California Association for Alcohol/Drug Educators (CAADE), California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists (CAMFT), California Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS), American Psychological Association (APA)).

Governmental health agencies in the field of behavioral health education (i.e., Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Office of the California Surgeon General (OSG), Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)).

Professional mental health associations or **non-clinical professional organizations** (i.e., California Association of School Social Workers (CASSW), California Association of School Counselors (CASC), American School Counselor Association (ASCA), California Association of School Psychologists (CASP), National Association of School Psychologists (NASP), National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), Mental Health America (MHA), International Association of Peer Supporters (iNAPS), The National Council for Mental Wellbeing, Association for Mental Health and Wellness (AMHW), National Wellness Institute (NWI)).

Calculating and Recording Hours

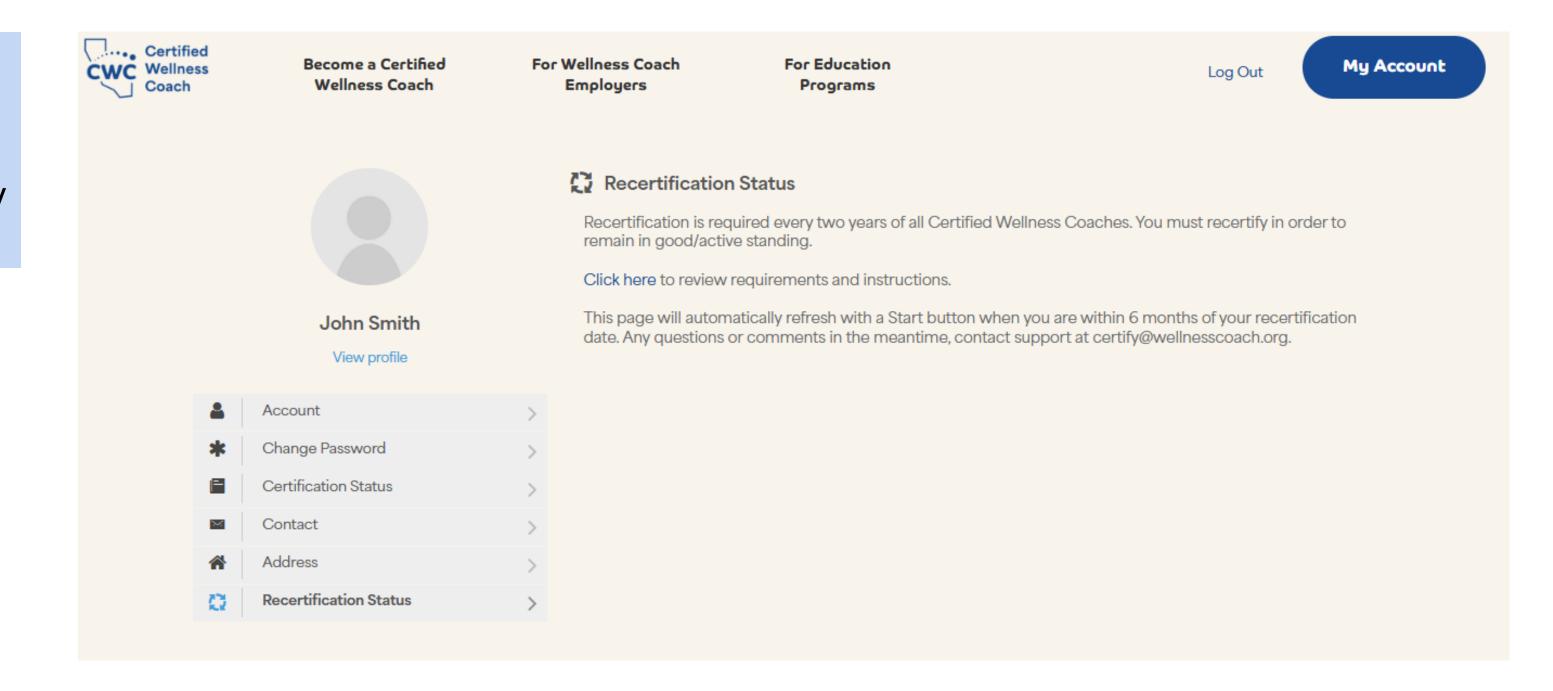
- One (1) hour of direct educational training instruction is equal to one (1) hour of continuing education.
- Three (3) units of college/university coursework are equal to twelve (12) hours of continuing education.
- One (1) hour at an event or conference plenary session, breakout, or workshop is equal to (1) hour of continuing education.

Applicants must record their hours and validate their completion of the continuing education by providing approved documentation. Acceptable forms of documentation include:

- Transcripts (for coursework taken at an Institution of Higher Education)
- Certificates of completion (for training courses)
- Stamp or receipt of attendance (for events/conferences)
- For trainings that do not have formal documentation, you must provide the supervisor's name and email

Application - Portal

Your certification portal has a link to the full certification policy document.

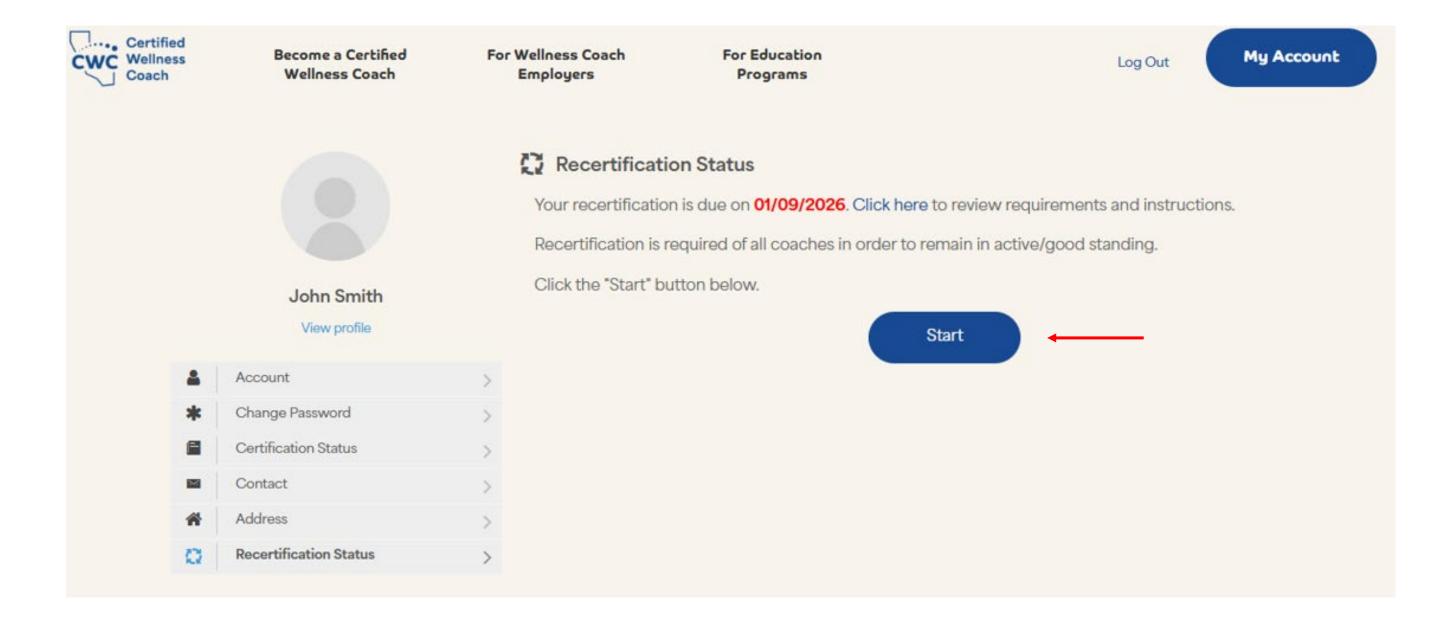






Application – Activation

6 months prior to your recertification deadline, your certification portal will display a "Start" button.



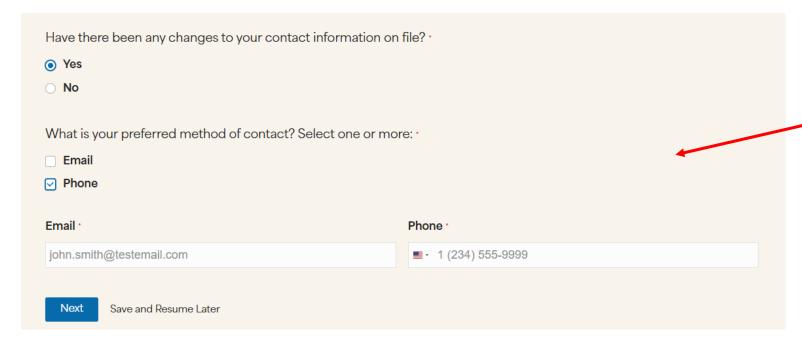
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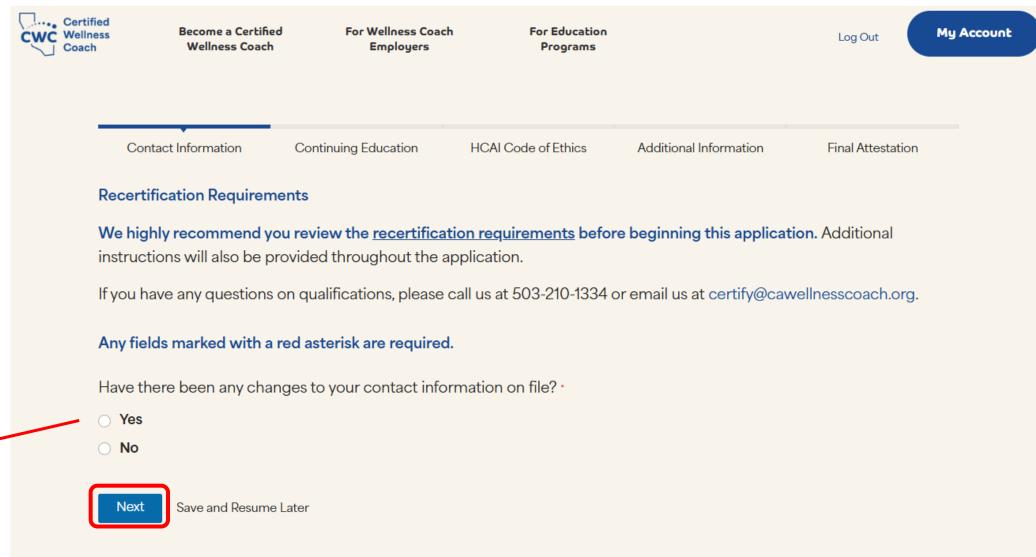




Application – Contact Information

- 1. Confirm if there any changes to your contact information.
- 2. Update, if needed, and click "Next"



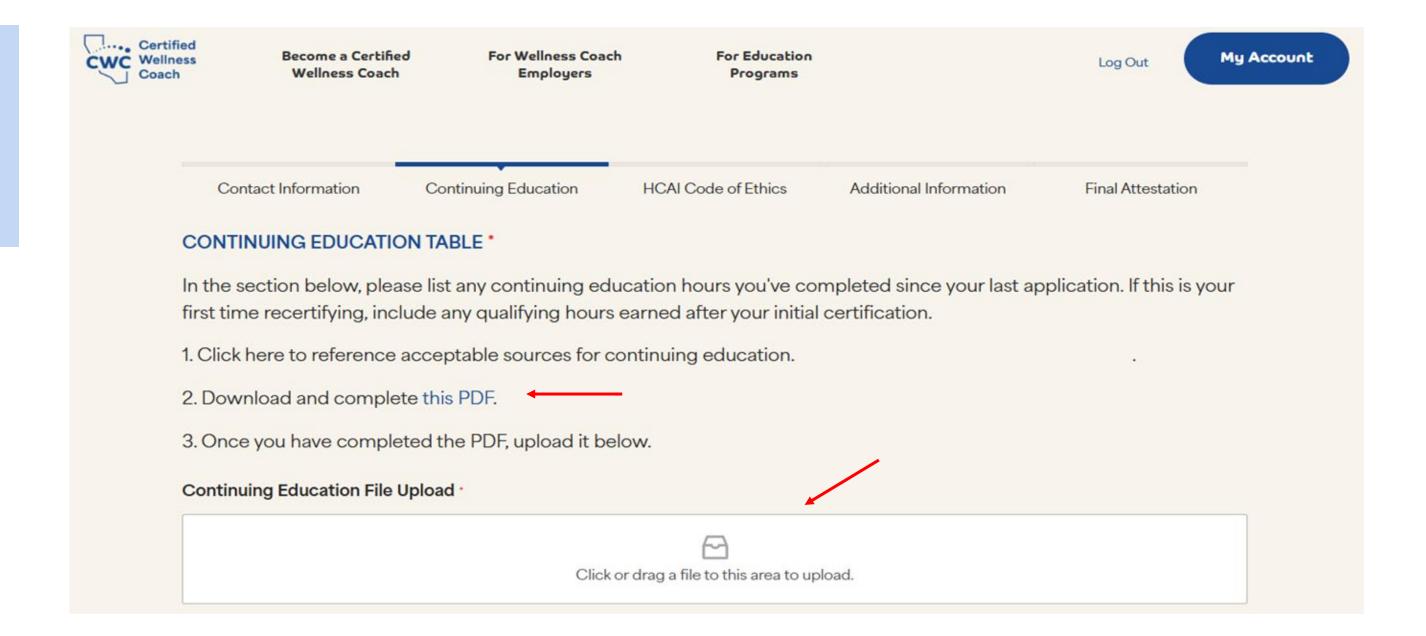






Application – Continuing Education Table

- 1. Download Continuing Education Table to record your hours.
- 2. Upload file.







Application – Continuing Education Table



Continuing Education Table for Recertification

TITLE OF TRAINING	ORGANIZATION OFFERING TRAINING	TRAINING CATEGORY	COMPLETION DATE	SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ¹	SUPERVISOR'S NAME AND EMAIL ²	HOURS CLAIMED ³
		Core Competencies/Skills Ethics/Legal Cultural Responsiveness		Transcripts Certificates of completion Stamp or receipt of attendance for events/conferences Other (input supervisor contact information)		
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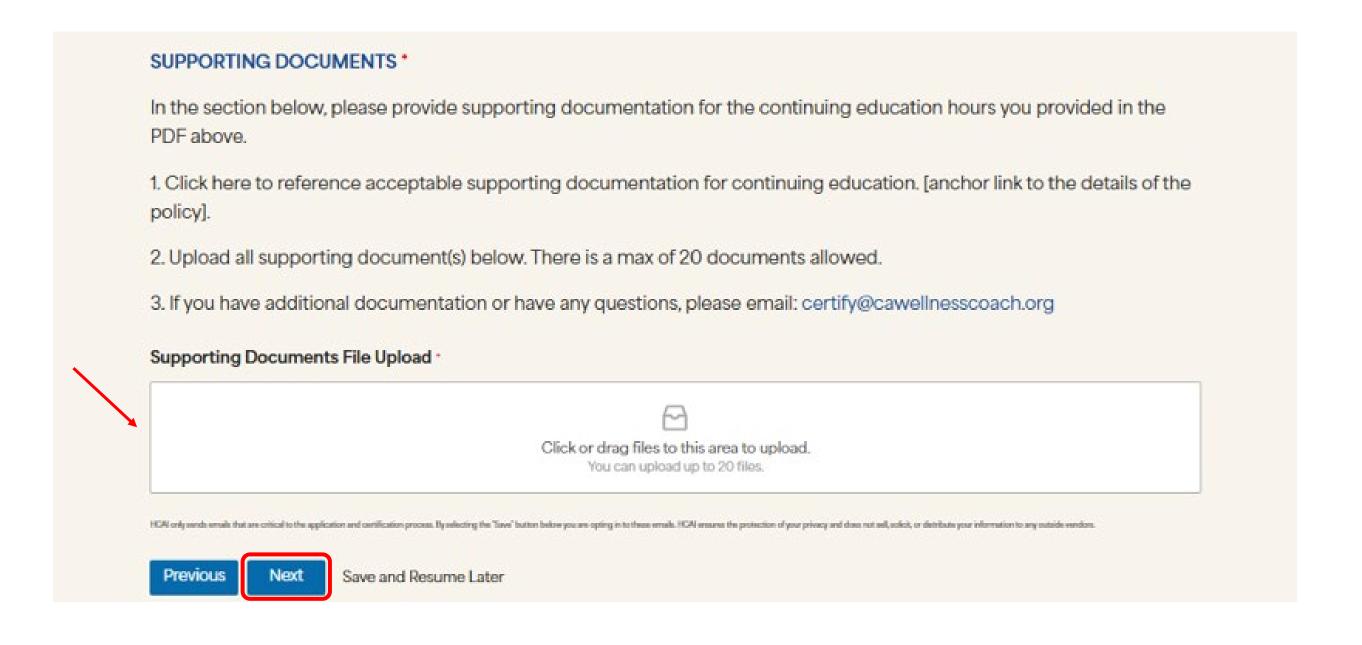


Application – Supporting Documents

- 1. Upload supporting documents for each training provided in the Continuing Education Table.
- 2. Click "Next" at the bottom of the page.

Supporting documents include:

- Transcripts
- Certificates of completion
- Stamp or receipt of attendance
- Instructor's name/contact

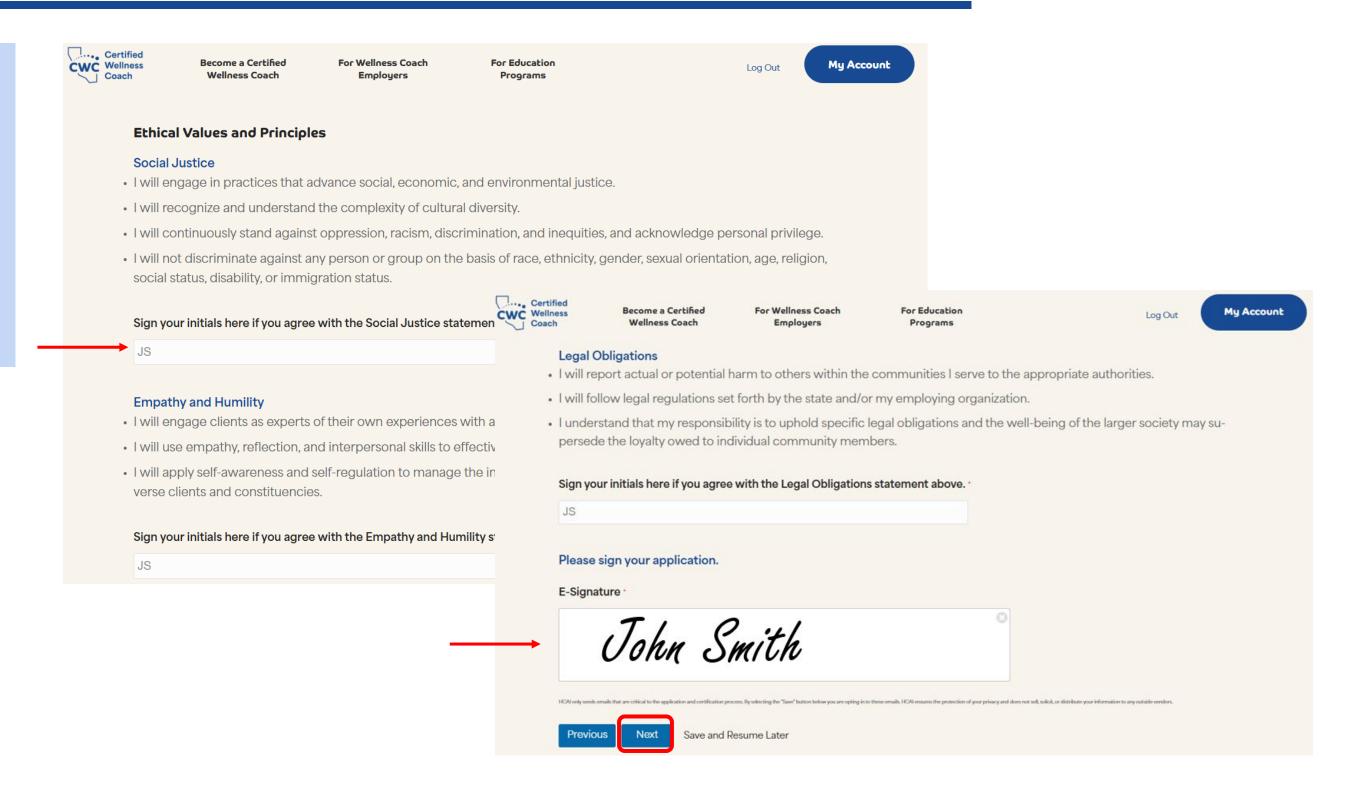






Application – Code of Conduct & Ethics

- 1. Read and initial each section of the Code of Conduct and Ethics
- 2. Provide your e-signature
- 3. Click "Next"



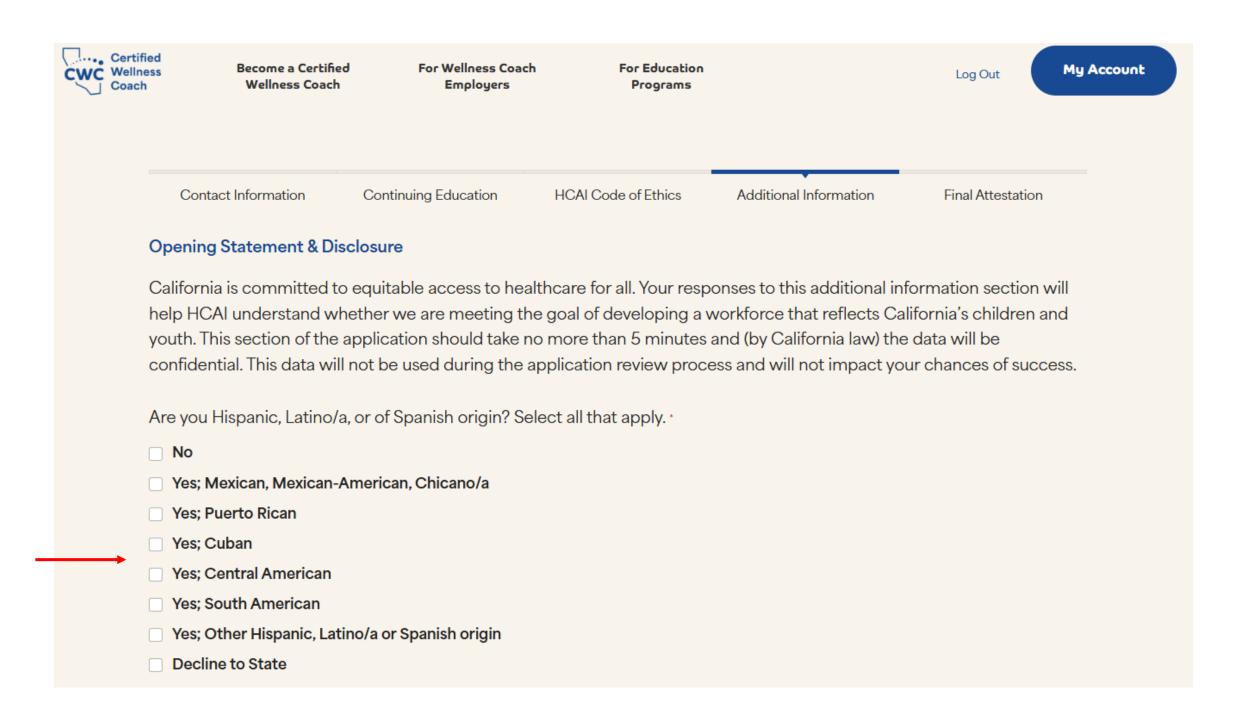




Application – Additional Information

1. Respond to the additional information questions*.

*Responses do **not** affect your application status and are for internal HCAI data purposes only.

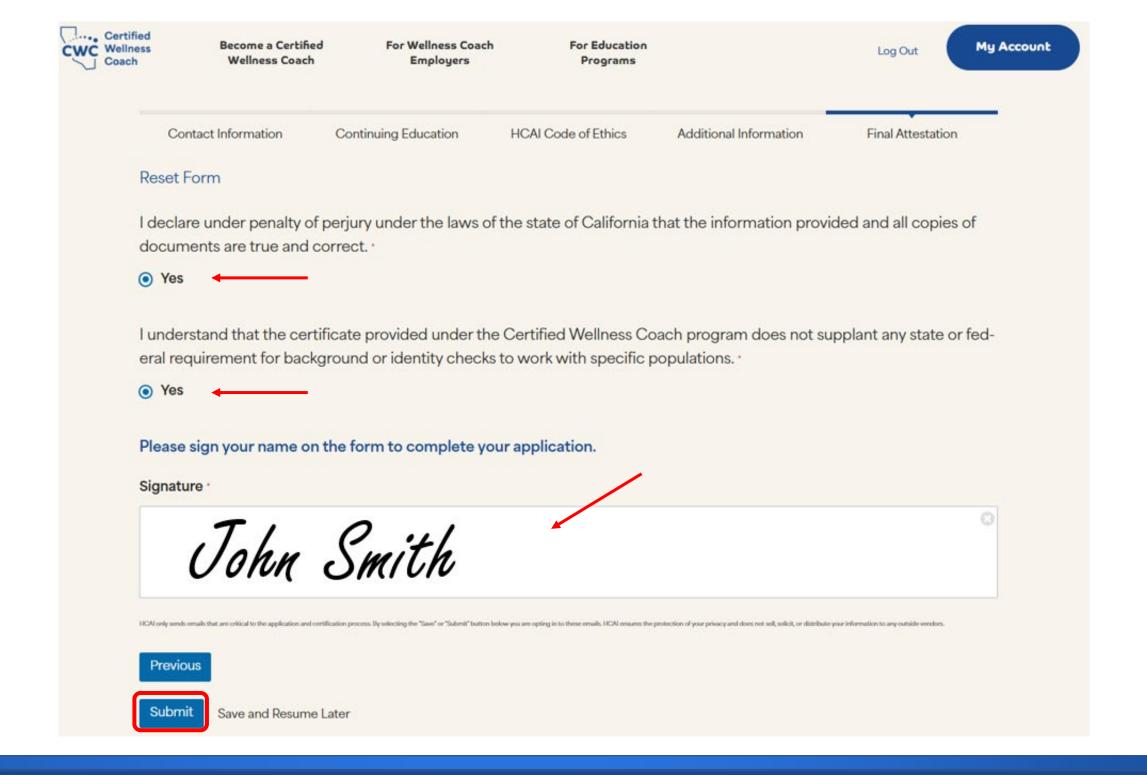






Application – Attestation

- 1. Attest to the statements
- 2. Provide your e-signature
- 3. Click "Submit"

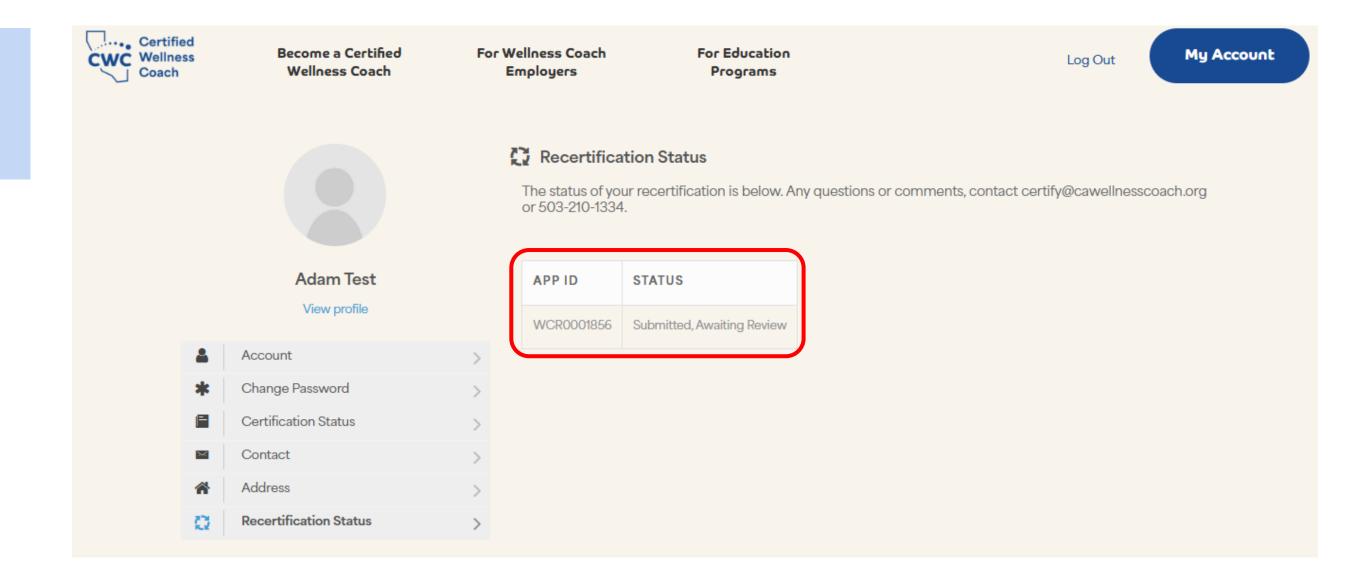






Application Status

You can check the status of your application by logging into your certification portal.







Questions & Answers

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Thank you!

For further questions regarding the recertification process, please contact: certify@cawellnesscoach.org

For general questions, please contact: WellnessCoach@hcai.ca.gov

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