

To All Recent RVP Certification Applicants:

As I'm sure many of you are aware who submitted their applications around the time of January 31, 2006 (Expiry of the Grandfathering period), there has been some delay in getting back to you with a decision on your application. The reasons for this are as follows:

From June 2004 (when the RVP Certification was officially launched) until January 15, 2006 (when all received RVP applications had been reviewed), the RVP Committee of CAVEWAS had in total evaluated some 15 RVP applications. We were thus completely up to date with the review process at that point.

To those who waited to the last moment (there were some 60 plus of you), this amounted to an avalanche of work for the RVP Committee (ie. over 4 times the number we had handled in the subsequent 18 months).

Due to the volume of paper-work as well as the time and expense in moving this paper-work around the country (since the RVP Committee is composed of members in four provinces), it was then decided to go to an electronic review process. As with any new electronic (computer dependent) system, it took some time to work the bugs out of this. I think you get the picture that the RVP Committee was faced with the "Perfect Storm" scenario.

The RVP Committee has been diligently working through these applications. It is a time consuming process. Some of these applications are over 100 pages long. We are all Volunteers!

Some of you have received "Deferral" letters requesting more information. One of the major issues has been around proper documentation of the 30 hours of appropriate training/education. Some applicants closely reviewed the RVP Guidelines and provided all the necessary documentation. Some others however did not. In hindsight we could have been clearer around the issue of Grandfathering and the completely unrelated matter of the 30 hours of training/education required in the past 3 years (this as concerning the "Core Competency" areas). The RVP Guide and Forms documentation have now been fully clarified in this respect (available on-line).

If you've gotten a "Deferral" letter back from us, please do your best to provide the documentation that is being requested. We treat all applications equally. We have to ensure that we have all the necessary information in order to make an informed decision about your application. This simply hasn't been possible with a number of the RVP applications we've received.

It is the hope of the RVP Committee to conclude this current round of application reviews by the end of May 2006 (at least for any application where all fees have been paid and the proper documentation received).

Should you have any questions or issues concerning your RVP application, please first contact the CARP National Continuing Education Dept. (continuinged@carpnational.org), or 416-494-4700, and they will pass this information onto the RVP Committee.

We're doing our best!

Thank you,

Graham Pett, Chair, CAVEWAS RVP Review Committee