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Announcement to all CAVEWAS and VRA Canada members:

Recently individuals holding the Certified Vocational Evaluator (CVE) designation were notified that the Commission on Certification of Work Adjustment and Vocational Evaluation Specialists (CCWAVES) made a decision to dissolve the Commission. The following is an excerpt from that letter.

It is with tremendous sadness the Commission on Certification of Work Adjustment and Vocational Evaluation Specialists (CCWAVES) informs its certificants of the decision to dissolve the organization. While there are numerous variables that have contributed to making this difficult decision, the most immediate and pressing is financial. As of September 5, 2008, CCWAVES has begun the dissolution process and is moving toward a maintenance-only mode of-operation for its existing certificants.

The Commission is currently seeking an organization to handle the renewal and maintenance of the credentials. All monies remaining in the CCWAVES treasury upon dissolution will be used to facilitate the long-term maintenance of the existing certificants. Details regarding renewal and maintenance processes will be forwarded to all certificants after the October 2008 CVE exam, which will be the last administration. Approved applicants who successfully pass the October 2008 CVE exam will attain the CVE designation and will be able to renew and maintain it just as the current certificate holders.

While the CCWAVES Commissioners are confident in the rigorous efforts that have been exerted to keep the Commission intact, the following information may assist certificants to better understand the decision to dissolve the Commission. As a certifying body, existing certificants entrust the well-being of the Commission to the Commissioners. CCWAVES Commissioners are comprised of volunteer designees from seven appointing organizations: CAVEWAS, DCDT, IARP, NCRE, NRA, VECAP, and VEWAA. The primary fiduciary responsibility of the Commissioners is to CCWAVES certificants, i.e., the safety and security of those individuals who currently hold certifications authorized by the Commission. The second priority is to continue quality services to certificants, such as renewal and maintenance of the certification.

In summary, the Commission has experienced a continued decline in certification applicants and renewals, resulting in a steady decrease in revenue due to a variety of factors out of the Commission's control. External influences have included a reduction of university vocational evaluation programs (down to 5 from a high of 18), as well as a very limited amount of support for the CVE credential by government and private employers as a mandated requirement for employment.

As the Commission believes that the CVE credential will continue to have value for many practitioners, employers, and consumers, and that the profession of vocational evaluation will continue to endure, the focus must now be on securing and funding an organization to administer the maintenance of the credential for

those current certificants who wish to maintain it. Therefore the decision to dissolve CCWAVES is made with a heavy heart but with the sound knowledge that this is the only responsible and ethical decision that can be reached at this time.

Our CAVEWAS appointed Commissioner to CCWAVES is continuing her work with CCWAVES as they move through this process and further information regarding maintenance and renewal information will come as soon as it's available.

Anyone who has any suggestions, input or questions please forward to [cavewas@live.com](mailto:cavewas@live.com)

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