



IGCCB to Administer its Gambling Counselor Certification in 2021

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Washington, DC – Today the National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG) and the International Gambling Counselor Certification Board (IGCCB) announced that IGCCB will assume full responsibility to administer all International Certified Gambling Counselor (ICGC) operations on January 1, 2021. As of that date, IGCCB-certified counselors and applicants must contact IGCCB directly for application, renewal, testing and all other issues. For over 20 years, NCPG has been a supporter, advisor and contracted administrator for IGCCB. The two organizations will continue to work together to ensure a smooth transition for counselors as well as members of the public seeking help.

“We believe problem gambling treatment should be provided by counselors with gambling-specific certification, and that certification should be of the highest level,” said Keith Whyte, Executive Director of NCPG. “The ICGC and other credentials developed by IGCCB meet these benchmarks. We have been pleased to serve as their administrator for all these years. As IGCCB continues to evolve, we wish them the best in their continued growth and look forward to finding new opportunities to make sure that people with gambling problems receive the highest standards of care.”

“We appreciate all the support NCPG has provided IGCCB over the years. We are excited for this next phase of growth and opportunity for expanding our offerings and supporting the growing needs of professionals in the field,” said Jeremy Wampler, President of the IGCCB. “The IGCCB looks forward to continuing our mission of providing certifications that set the standard for best practices, ensuring those seeking help will receive the highest-quality service possible by competent professionals.”

Information on certification and finding an ICGC gambling counselor will still be found until the end of December on the NCPG website. Those seeking a counselor can visit www.ncpgambling.org >> [Help & Treatment](#) >> [Counselor Search](#). IGCCB will host this information at www.igccb.org starting in 2021, including answering any inquiries people might have. Those looking for information about earning or renewing certification can visit IGCCB.org.

About the National Council on Problem Gambling

Based in Washington DC, the National Council on Problem Gambling is the only national nonprofit organization that seeks to minimize the economic and social costs associated with gambling addiction by working with stakeholders in all facets of gambling. NCPG is neutral on legalized gambling. If gambling becomes a problem, NCPG urges people who gamble, as well as their loved ones, to contact the National Problem Gambling Helpline, which offers hope and help without judgment or shame. If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, call or text 1-800-522-4700 or visit or visit www.ncpgambling.org/chat. Help is available 24/7 - it is free and confidential.

About the International Gambling Counselor Certification Board

In 1984 the International Gambling Counselor Certification Board (IGCCB) was established to offer voluntary National/International certifications that assure a body of qualified and competent professionals working in the field of clinical treatment of disordered, problem and at-risk gamblers and their families/concerned others. Certification standards established by the IGCCB represent the current best practices in the field of disordered gambling treatment. www.igccb.org

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