ONCC FreeTake Directions

Background
FreeTake is available to all Registered Nurses throughout the MGH who are deemed eligible for reimbursement. FreeTake also allows for one retest within a 12-month period if certification is not achieved on the first attempt. Per the Professional and Specialty Certification/Recertification Examination policy, FreeTake may only be used for certification exams that are not required for licensure.

Eligibility for FreeTake
- The first step is to sit with your Nursing Director (or designee) to discuss the appropriate certification exam for your area of practice or career goals.

- Once you have chosen the certification that best suits your specialty, review information on the ONCC website pertaining to that certification exam using the following link: https://www.oncc.org/certifications

- The ONCC has specific criteria for each specialty certification that determines when someone is eligible to sit for the exam. This information is readily available on the website: https://www.oncc.org/certifications

- The MGH Nursing Professional and Specialty Certification Recertification Examinations policy also details specific eligibility criteria. The FreeTake program will follow the same criteria. Please review the policy by clicking on the following link: https://hospitalpolicies.ellucid.com/documents/view/1916

- Once it is determined that the above has been met & the nurse is ready to register for the exam, the nurse along with the Nursing Director/CNS/NPS (or designee) will reach out to Tricia Crispi PhD(c), RN-BC at pcrispi@partners.org to obtain an INDIVIDUAL CODE that is used to register for the certification exam. You will need this CODE to complete registration.

- Upon receipt of the “authorization to test”, the nurse will have 90 days to sit for the exam.

How to Redeem a Discount Code
- Apply online at oncc.org

- Enter the FreeTake Discount code (obtained from Tricia Crispi as directed above) in the Promo Code box during checkout. The code can only be used for the test application fee; it cannot be...
used for ONCC Practice Tests or other purchases. If the code entered is valid, it will create a $0 balance in the shopping cart.

- The code is only valid for initial certification. Those applying for recertification will need to pay out of pocket and submit for reimbursement.


**Please Note Carefully**

- Eligible staff will not have to pay for the initial ONCC exam up front and/or out of pocket.
- Pertains to all eligible MGH nurses (inpatient and ambulatory care areas).
- MGH provides payment/reimbursement of one active certification. If MGH has reimbursed for a previous professional nursing certification and that certification remains active, the nurse may not be eligible to participate in FreeTake.
- An individual code is provided to each nurse and may only be used once by that nurse.
- FreeTake allows for the opportunity to retake the exam within 12 months if the nurse doesn’t pass on the initial attempt.
- Retake codes may be obtained through Tricia Crispi PhD(c), RN-BC when the nurse is ready to retake the exam.

For questions, please contact Tricia Crispi PhD(c), RN-BC at [pcrispi@partners.org](mailto:pcrispi@partners.org)