



Introduction of the New SAVE International Certification Program

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If you were not able to attend the 2016 Value Summit presentation of the new SAVE International Certification Program at the Certification Forum, we want to take this opportunity to introduce you to the many changes.

First of all, the new certification program is transitioning from an experienced-based program to a **core-competency based program**. Nine function based core competencies form the central focus of the plan. Spread throughout these nine competencies are forty learning objectives. These are detailed in the table shown below.

1. Transform Information	2. Function	3. Cost Analysis	4. Team Facilitation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Value Modeling Risk Assessment Flow/Process Charts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why We Do Function Analysis Function Definition Function Identification Function Classification Tabular Function List FAST Diagram Function Matrix 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cost Model Cost Estimate Pareto Diagram Payback/ROI Targeting Costs Life-Cycle Costing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team Dynamics Team Motivation Communication Skills Time Management Information Elicitation Workshop Leadership Skills
5. Value Methodology	6. Pre-Workshop	7. Workshop (Six-Phase Job Plan)	8. Post-Workshop
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> History Value Methodology Pillars Value Definition Ethics Worth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stakeholder Expectations Team Selection Agenda Information Gathering Logistics Management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Value Methodology Standard Tailoring the Job Plan Tools and Outcomes Presentation Skills Selling Results 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement Recommendations
9. Value Program Development			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creating a VM -Program Project Selection 			

Over the next few months, we will be sending new teaching materials for use by the Module I and II instructors detailing the lesson plans for each of the learning objectives to be addressed in their courses. In June of 2017, we will begin testing for these learning objectives in the VMA and CVS exams.

Another component of the new program is the transition plan over the next four years. This four year plan is detailed below for your use.



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	Recertification	Discontinued			
	Maintenance			<i>All VMP Certifications Converted</i> Transition to VMA or apply for CVS	
CVS	Certification	No Changes	New Competency Based Exam		
	Recertification	No Changes in Process Previously paid Registration Fees over paid will be credited until exhausted	Becomes PDH Requirements		
	Maintenance	Annual Fee \$90/\$240	Begin PDH Requirements 40 PDHs every 2 yrs. Annual Fee Per BOD	40 PDHs every 2 yrs. Annual Fee Per BOD	40 PDHs every 2 yrs. Annual Fee Per BOD
CVS-L	Certification	<i>Effective June 2015 the issuance of new CVS-Life designations is <u>suspended</u>.</i>			
	Maintenance	Begin Maintenance Fee Fee \$75/\$225 (fee is discounted until CVS-Life is terminated in 2020)	Begin PDH Requirements 40 PDHs every 2 yrs. Annual Fee Per BOD	40 PDHs every 2 yrs. Annual Fee Per BOD	<i>All CVS-Life Designations Eliminated</i> Change to CVS (40 PDHs every 2 yrs.) or CVS-Retired (no fee or PDHs) Fee increase to current CVS rate per BOD



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