

## Frequently Asked Questions

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**Q. I offer private lessons but do mostly Board & Train (B&T). The lowest B&T program I offer is a 2-week program. I wish to conduct the case study on a B&T program. How exactly can 14 days of training meet the criteria of the maximum limits of 6 lessons and 8 hours?**

Training programs longer than 8 hours or six lessons qualify for the CDT Exam. Select six lessons of choice that do not go over 8 hours. The lessons need to show progression of the dog's training, therefore IACP recommends at least the first two lessons to show the dog's beginning point and the last two lessons to show the highest achievement level. At least one lesson submitted for each case study should be with the dog owner.

**Q. I train dogs for a government agency or company rather than an individual client. This may include training dogs to track people or animals. This may also include military dog trainers. Do I qualify to take the CDT exam?**

A. YES. The government agency or company is the client who is paying you, but the handler must fill out the Client Feedback form. If the agency or company requires a third-party certification, please include proof that the K9 teams are certified as a result of your training program.

**Q. Can I have people send in letters of reference before I apply for the CDT exam?**

A. NO. IACP Certification cannot accept any letters of reference before you apply for the CDT exam. It is preferred that you submit all letters of reference with your application, however you may instruct letters to be sent directly to IACP Certification the day of or after you have applied for the CDT Exam.

**Q. Can I use dogs I have trained in the past for my case studies for the CDT exam?**

A. NO. All case study training must be completed between the exam start and end dates that will be given to you upon receipt of the IACP CDT Exam Welcome Letter. However, IACP encourages all dog training professionals to use the Case Study format to develop self-evaluation, organizational skills, and to practice for the exam.

**Q. I focus on helping clients with dog sports and competition. Can I take the CDT?**

A. YES. Sport Dog and Competition training are recognized by IACP as Professional Dog Training Programs if the submitted exam conforms with the CDT Exam Instructions and Guidelines.

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