In 2023, BCEN launched a new certification program, debuted dozens of new clinical and leadership CE offerings, and made recertification more accessible and affordable than ever—all while supporting and celebrating the unparalleled clinical excellence and professionalism of BCEN-certified RNs delivering expert, compassionate care across the emergency spectrum.

2023 was a banner year for transport specialty certification. The first ever value of CFRN and CTRN certification studies published in Air Medical Journal, the CTRN certification program was accredited by ANCC, and the air medical transport community joined BCEN and flight nurses everywhere in celebrating the CTRN’s 30th anniversary.

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BCEN Vouchers were used for nearly 1/3 of initial certification applications in 2023, and the number of facilities purchasing vouchers rose by nearly 30%. To support maintenance of certification, BCEN reduced the cost of renewal by exam by 40% and renewal by CE attestation by 20%.

To ease the stress that can accompany the renewal process, we introduced the BCEN Test Assurance option, offering a second exam attempt in the case of a failed first attempt.

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5,127
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