FAQ Sheet for RBC Application

1. Why should I become an RBC?
    a. This is the first step toward our goal of obtaining state licensure.
    b. The Professional Credentials Committee of IN-ABC is committed to ensuring competence among behavioral consultants. Through the registration process, the PCC strives to ensure that the minimum level of competence is on record for each applicant, while providing continuing education and training. Currently, the state legislature defines our roles without knowing or understanding exactly what we do as a profession. By being proactive through the registration process, IN-ABC has developed a process for consistency of required skills and experience. Being an RBC identifies you as practicing at a higher level of expertise. Also you may mentor another BC as an RBC.

2. What if I do not have a supervisor?
    a. If you did not receive supervision as a BC and do not qualify as a Bman 1, then you may contact the PCC about acquiring a supervisor. Supervised experience is a required component for being an RBC (effective 1/1/08).
    b. You may also investigate the mentor program to obtain supervision to meet this requirement.

3. What if I have not been a behavior consultant for 3 years?
    a. There is a possibility of receiving credit for part time work as a behavior consultant, if the cumulative time is equivalent to the 3 years and the areas of experience are as included. You must prove you've had the equivalent of three years full-time experience as a BC.
    b. If your job <u>primarily</u> involved the following, your 3 years are met. An RBC must show that s/he has experience working in all of these areas – very important!
        i. Working with individuals with developmental disabilities in devising, implementing, and monitoring behavioral support plans; and
        ii. The supervision and training of others in the implementation of behavioral support strategies.

4. What if I answered "yes" to any of the questions #10-18 on page 4 of the application?
    a. This doesn't mean you will be automatically denied.
    b. Please provide further information with your application, detailing the incident, changes you made to resolve the issue, and what you have learned from the incident.
    c. Members of the Professional Credentials Committee will review your application, and determine if additional information is needed, and in what format. The committee may choose to request written information, or phone or in-person interview. These options are completely at the option of the committee.
    d. A recommendation with explanation of the outcome will be provided to the applicant. If the recommendation is to withdraw application at this time, remediation steps or appeal process will be explained in writing.

5. What if I am only a part time behavior consultant?
    a. To be qualified as an RBC, you must have acquired the equivalent of 3 years full-time work experience (applicant must provide evidence of experience) with the criteria from question number 2.

6. What if I do behavior consulting full time, but it is split into two separate jobs?
    a. If both part time jobs meet the criteria from number 2 and 4, you may qualify for the RBC registration.
    b. You do not have to be full time in just one job. It may be the combination of both.

7. How will people know that I am an RBC?
    a. Each RBC is listed on the IN-ABC website.
    b. It is also listed in the IN-ABC newsletter.
    c. You will also have the opportunity to identify yourself as RBC when you write documentation. You can list your credentials on a business card.

8. Who reviews my application?
    a. One or more PCC members review the applications to determine if they've met the qualifying criteria.
    b. All materials are kept confidential at all times. No information is disseminated to anyone other than the applicant.
    c. All submitted materials become the property of the Professional Credentials Committee and will not be returned.

9. How long is my RBC good for?
    a. As long as you remain current in your IN-ABC dues and continue to meet the established criteria, your RBC status remains intact.
    b. Your RBC status will be revoked if you are found guilty of ethical violations, allow your IN-ABC membership to lapse, or terminate your provision of behavior management services as a BC.