Six subject matter experts (SMEs) met via Webinar on July 18, 2020 to participate in a standard setting exercise for the AACVPR Certified Cardiac Rehabilitation Professional (CCRP) certification examination. Three forms (Form 201-203) were developed for this examination. Each form consisted of 120 scored items and 20 pilot (non-scored) items. There were 41 items in common between forms 201 and 202, and 42 items in common between forms 202 and 203.

The webinar started with an orientation to standard setting that was conducted by Dr. Reed Castle, a psychometrician with Professional Testing. The orientation included a thorough discussion of minimal competence, an overview of the (modified) Angoff method of standard setting, and an orientation to Prolydian, the tool used during the standard setting exercise. After the orientation, Dr. Castle facilitated the SMEs in a “practice” rating activity.

After the webinar, each SME individually rated the remaining items. Once the SME completed the activity, they submitted their rating sheet to Professional Testing, who compiled and analyzed the result. The results were analyzed based on Form.

The Professional Certification Commission (PCC) met on August 12, 2020 to review the results of the standard setting study, the candidates’ performance of the examination and the establish the passing score for new forms of the examination.