



NEWS RELEASE

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**IC&RC Announces the Updated
Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor (AADC) Examination**

The International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC) is pleased to announce that the updated **Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor (AADC)** exam will be administered beginning on **March 16, 2026**.

While there were no changes to the AADC domains and only minimal changes to the exam blueprint, *candidates are encouraged to compare the content outlines between the two Exam Candidate Guides in deciding when to schedule their test*. Candidates should follow their usual process for scheduling to take the exam.

Candidates preparing to take the current AADC examination (before March 16th), can find the current AADC exam candidate guide posted on IC&RC's website under "Prep and Study Materials" and directly linked below.

- [CURRENT AADC Exam Candidate Guide](#)

Candidates preparing to take the updated AADC examination (on or after March 16th), can find the updated AADC exam candidate guide posted on IC&RC's website under "Prep and Study Materials" and directly linked below:

- [UPDATED AADC Exam Candidate Guide](#)

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