



## Glossary of Terms for the PATH Intl. CTRI Certification Program

### Credentials:

**PATH Intl. Certified Professional** – a professional who holds current certification with PATH Intl. This may include one or more of the following certifications:

- PATH Intl. Certified Therapeutic Riding Instructor
- PATH Intl. Advanced Therapeutic Riding Instructor
- PATH Intl. Master Therapeutic Riding Instructor
- PATH Intl. Therapeutic Driving Instructor
- PATH Intl. Interactive Vaulting Instructor
- Equine Specialist in Mental Health and Learning

**PATH Intl. Certified Therapeutic Riding Instructor (CTRI)** – a voluntary, entry-level credential for individuals ethically partnering with equines in the equine-assisted services (EAS) profession who provide riding instruction and therapeutic value to people with disabilities. NOTE: this term is NOT interchangeable with PATH Intl. Registered Therapeutic Riding Instructor (Registered TRI).

**PATH Intl. Certified Riding Professional** – an individual who holds current PATH Intl. therapeutic riding instructor certification at the certified, advanced or master level

**PATH Intl. Registered Therapeutic Riding Instructor (Registered TRI)** – a voluntary, entry-level credential for individuals possessing the knowledge, skills and abilities to effectively and safely teach riding skills to individuals with disabilities. NOTE: this term is NOT interchangeable with PATH Intl. Certified Therapeutic Riding Instructor (CTRI).

### General terms:

**Applicant** – an individual who has submitted or intends to submit an application

**Certification** – the action or process of providing qualified individuals with an official document attesting to a particular status or level of achievement

**Credential** – the title an individual receives following successful completion of a certification process

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**CTRI Candidate** – an individual whose CTRI application has been accepted and has received authorization to sit for the CTRI certification exam

**Cumulative career hours** – time obtained over the course of professional employment in a particular scope of work

**Direct financial benefit** – exchange of legal tender directly between two individuals

**Directly employ** – a situation in which a person who directly controls an applicant's working hours, salary, benefits, and length and terms of employment remits payment to the applicant for delivery of professional services.

**Incomplete application** – an applicant is given an incomplete status if their application is missing any required information, including but not limited to: required signatures, less than required number of hours for any section, video not of sufficient sound or visual quality to score, or supplemental information is needed to confirm the applicant has met the requirement.

**Incomplete exam** – a candidate is given an incomplete status if they stop the exam, leaving questions unanswered. Incomplete exams are considered non-passing and the candidate must complete full payment for the exam before scheduling another exam appointment for the next testing window.

**Instructor-in-training (IT)** – a candidate who has successfully completed phase one of the PATH Intl. Registered Instructor certification process

**Medical professional** – a currently licensed physician, nurse practitioner or psychologist qualified to render a medical diagnosis

**Mounted therapeutic riding lesson** – the actual time spent teaching mounted horsemanship to one or more riders with disabilities. Time is calculated starting from the mount of the first rider and ending with the completed dismount of the last rider.

**Non-current/Non-compliant** – the status assigned when an instructor has not completed the requirements to maintain active PATH Intl. certification

**Recognized equestrian organization** – a structured collective of professionals that delivers, organizes, endorses and/or promotes equestrian-based activities and maintains a training and certification process for the people who participate in or lead its local programs

**Scaled scoring** – conversion of a measurement or score from one scale to another (example: temperature scales of Fahrenheit and Celsius)

**Supervisor** – an individual who has direct knowledge of the applicant's skills and assumes responsibility for the actions and performance of the applicant in a specific setting

**Supervising instructor** – a PATH Intl. Certified Therapeutic Riding Instructor who directly observes and assumes responsibility for the actions and performance of the applicant while they instruct mounted therapeutic riding lessons (see Part V of the CTRI application).

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**Supervision** – direct observation of and responsibility for an individual (or individuals) in a specific setting

**Withdrawal (application status)** – the status given to an applicant if:

- a. The applicant submits written notice (via letter or email) to PATH Intl. stating they are choosing to withdraw their CTRI application. Withdrawn application status indicates that the applicant does not intend to complete the CTRI certification process within the allowable timeframe for their current application. The applicant forfeits all fees.
- b. An applicant fails to complete any of the required steps within the established timelines. Examples include but are not limited to:
  - i. Failing to submit a completed application within one year of purchasing the application.
  - ii. Not submitting requested supplemental materials to PATH Intl. within the allotted timeframe

**Withdrawal (certification status)** – the status given to a candidate who abandons testing prior to starting the computer-based certification exam. Candidates who withdraw may be required to complete full payment for the exam before scheduling another exam appointment.