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HR CERTIFICATION INSTITUTE ANNOUNCES NEW COST-EFFECTIVE OPTIONS FOR FUTURE CERTIFICANTS TO REGISTER AND PREPARE FOR PHR® AND SPHR® CERTIFICATION EXAMS

Included in New Packages is “Second-Chance” Insurance

ALEXANDRIA, VA, May 20, 2015 – HR Certification Institute (HRCI), the premier HR credentialing organization dedicated to setting the standard for HR mastery and excellence around the globe, today announced a series of packages designed for all HR professionals currently registering for this fall’s PHR® and SPHR® exams. The goal is to both simplify and provide cost savings for those seeking to take the rigorous exams and purchase application preparation products in one easy step. Also, for the first time, HRCI is offering “second-chance” insurance allowing applicants who don’t pass the exam the first time to be able to take the exam again at a reduced flat rate.

Specifically, HRCI has created the opportunity for applicants to [“build your own bundle”](#) when registering for the exams that combines exam preparation products with both the exam application and registration fees. In addition to simplifying the registration process by having the ability to purchase all products together, applicants will also enjoy significant cost savings.

“With these bundles, we are responding to the needs of the marketplace and what our certificants have been asking for,” said HRCI CEO Amy Dufrane, Ed.D., SPHR, CAE. “Specifically, we have put all the options for the exams and preparation courses in one place, we are helping our applicants save time and money, and most importantly we are ensuring they are well prepared to take the exams.”

For the launch, HRCI has partnered with two certification preparation providers, BenchPrep™ and Distinctive HR, which provide cutting-edge and alternative learning methods to meet applicants where they are and offer help via a variety of learning styles so applicants can select the certification preparation program that best suits their needs. In addition, registrants can purchase online assessments which allow candidates to practice taking the exam with retired exam questions.

BenchPrep’s award-winning certification preparation solution offers personalized curriculum, interactive assessments, engaging games, full LMS and insightful analytics that improve proficiency in core learning objectives tested on the PHR and SPHR exams. BenchPrep’s solution allows students to learn anytime, anywhere, on any device including web, mobile and tablet. More than 1 million learners worldwide have used BenchPrep’s learning engine to improve scores and learning outcomes.

With Distinctive HR’s self-study program, users learn through a multimedia-based approach which includes learning tools such as a study manual, audio CDs, flashcards, and online Learning Management System (LMS) with 1,500 practice questions, dozens of video lectures, skits, videos of classroom lectures and more.

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HRCI plans to include more preparation product options in the “build your own bundle” program in the months ahead. In the meantime, applicants can find more than 100 certification preparation providers that offer exam preparation resources in the [Exam Preparation Provider Directory](#) on HRCI’s website. The fall exam registration period is currently underway and ends October 16, 2015 for the PHR and SPHR. To “build your own bundle” or see a complete list of certification preparation providers, visit www.hrci.org.

About HRCI

Headquartered in Alexandria, VA, the HR Certification Institute (HRCI) is the premier professional credentialing organization for the human resources profession. For nearly 40 years, HRCI has set the standard for HR mastery and excellence around the globe. An independent nonprofit organization, HRCI is dedicated to advancing the HR profession through developing and administering best-in-class certifications including the Professional in Human Resources (PHR®) and the Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR®). All of HRCI’s credentials are recognized as the most rigorous, meaningful, and grounded professional certifications demonstrating competency, real-world practical skills and knowledge in the field. Together with HRCI-certified professionals in 100 countries around the globe, HRCI ensures, strengthens and advances the strategic value and impact of HR.

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