

ASNT NDT PROGRAM RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS

A. ASNT NDT/PdM Level III Certification

The period of certificate validity is 60 months from date of issue, ending on the last day of the expiration month shown on the wallet card and certificate. Renewal of ASNT NDT Level III personnel is intended to apply only to individuals who maintain continued active employment in NDT Level III functions and demonstrate efforts to keep abreast of the technology in the Method(s) for which Renewal is sought. Renewal may be by re-examination or by application subject to the following conditions. Each applicant:

1. Must submit the appropriate ASNT Renewal application and fees;
2. Must reaffirm the ASNT Level III Code of Ethics;
3. Shall affirm continued active employment in Level III functions as related to the NDT Method(s) for which renewal is sought as noted below:
 - a) Such employment must have covered at least 36 months during the current valid Certification period but not necessarily 36 consecutive months. There shall be no break greater than 12 consecutive months.
 - b) At least 12 of the 24 months immediately preceding the expiration of the Certification must have been spent in Level III functions.
 - c) If work experience during the certification period did not include all Methods for which Renewal is sought, at least **two** additional points shall be obtained *in each Method* for which there was no work experience.
 - d) The effort to keep up to-date, contribute to knowledge or maintain continued growth in the Method(s) for which the individual is certified or to expand knowledge in related technologies must be demonstrated by obtaining a minimum of 25 points during the five (5) year period of certification by engaging in the activities listed in Table 1.

B. ACCP Professional Level III Certification

The period of certificate validity is 60 months from date of issue, ending on the last day of the expiration month shown on the wallet card and certificate. At the first 5-year interval after being certified by examination (or for applicants that came into the ACCP based on holding an approved third-party NDT certification), applicants may renew their certification(s) by meeting all of the requirements listed in paragraphs A(1-3) above. Renewal by examination may be done instead of renewal by points at the request of the applicant.

At the 10-year interval, applicants must renew by examination by meeting all of the requirements listed in paragraphs A1 and A2 above and taking an abbreviated written renewal examination. The renewal examination shall consist of 10 questions on certification programs and 20 questions per test method covering the application of that test method.

Personnel who gained their ACCP Level III certification based on certification(s) issued by an approved 3rd-party NDT certification program may renew their ACCP certifications by submitting the documentation listed in paragraphs A1 and A2 above, along with a copy of their current 3rd-party NDT certificates for the applicable test methods.

C. ASNT NDT Level II Certification

The period of certificate validity for all ASNT NDT Level II certificates is 60 months from the date of issue, with certification ending on the last day of the expiration month shown on the wallet card and certificate. ASNT NDT Level II personnel may renew in two ways, by points (without re-examination) or by re-examination. Details of these processes are shown below.

1. Recertification by Application

To recertify by application ("Points") a certificate holder:

- a. Must submit the appropriate ASNT Renewal application and fees;
- b. Must reaffirm the ASNT Level II Code of Ethics;
- c. Shall affirm continued active employment in Level II functions as related to the NDT Method(s) for which renewal is sought as noted below:
 - i. Such employment must have covered at least 36 months during the current valid Certification period but not necessarily 36 consecutive months. There shall be no break greater than 12 consecutive months.
 - ii. At least 12 of the 24 months immediately preceding the expiration of the Certification must have been spent in Level II functions.
- d. Documentation of continued NDT involvement during the current five-year period of certification by submitting a minimum of 12 points in one or more of the activities listed in Table 1.

2. Recertification by Examination

Personnel wishing to recertify by examination must fill out a new ASNT NDT Level II examination application in the same manner as was done for initial certification. The new expiration date for personnel that recertify by examination within 6 months of their current expiration date will be 5 years from their current expiration date. Personnel that recertify by examination more than 6 months prior to their current expiration date will receive new expiration dates 5 years from their date of successful re-examination.

D. Conversion of ACCP Level II to ASNT NDT Level II

Personnel that hold currently valid ACCP Level II certificates may convert those certifications to ASNT NDT Level II certifications by submitting an ASNT NDT Level II **renewal** application and meeting the requirements shown in paragraphs C(1)(a-d) above. Once converted, the certificate holder would be required to retake the ACCP Practical and Instruction Preparation to regain ACCP certification in the applicable test method(s).

E. ACCP Level II Certification (For CWI/ACCP Certification, see ¶ F)

The period of certificate validity for all ACCP Level II certificates except those VT certificates issued through the AWS/ACCP agreement is 60 months from date of issue ending on the last day of the expiration month shown on the wallet card and certificate. AWS/ACCP VT certificates, denoted with **VT*** on the wallet card and certificate, expire on the date of the certificate holder's current CWI or SCWI certification.

1. At the 5-year interval after initial certification or recertification by examination (and at 10-year intervals thereafter), ACCP Level II certificate holders may renew their certification(s) by meeting the following requirements:

- a. Submit the appropriate ASNT recertification application and fees;
- b. Re-affirm the ASNT Level II Code of Ethics;
- c. Affirm continued active employment in Level II functions as related to the NDT Method(s) for which renewal is sought in the following manner:
 - i. Submit a letter from the employer affirming that the applicant has been actively employed in NDT in the applicable test methods with no break greater than 12 consecutive months.

OR

- ii. Submit letters from two (2) third parties NDT users attesting that the applicant has satisfactorily performed NDT in the applicable test methods within the current certification period; and
 - iii. Demonstrate continued NDT involvement during the current five (5) year period of certification by submitting a minimum of 15 points in one or more of the activities listed in Table 1.

2. At the 10-year interval after initial certification or recertification by examination (and at 10-year intervals thereafter), ACCP Level II certificate holders must renew by examination by submitting the information detailed in paragraphs 1(a) and 1(b) above and must pass an abbreviated practical renewal examination in place of submitting renewal points. The renewal examination will consist of a hands-on practical examination of at least two ASNT test pieces per test method, with a minimum of one test piece in each applicable test technique.

F. ACCP Level II though the AWS Agreement

At the 3- and 6-year AWS certification intervals, personnel who received their ACCP Level II Visual Testing (VT) certification through the AWS/ASNT agreement (designated on the certificate and wallet card by **VT***) have ACCP expiration dates that match their current AWS CWI or SCWI certificates. Such personnel may renew their ACCP VT certification by submitting the appropriate ASNT recertification application and fees; re-affirming the ASNT Level II Code of Ethics; submitting a copy of their renewed CWI/SCWI certificate or wallet card and a Jaeger J-1 eye examination (or equivalent) that was administered within the past 12 months. Renewal applications can be submitted up to 60 days after the AWS expiration date. After 60 days applicants must re-apply for ACCP certification using the initial certification application.

At the 9-year AWS certification interval, applicants must submit the appropriate ASNT recertification application and fees; re-affirm the ASNT Level II Code of Ethics and submit a copy of their renewed CWI/SCWI certificate or wallet card.

Additionally, 9-year applicants must submit documentation of having passed the 9-year CWI or SCWI recertification examination or take the ACCP abbreviated Practical examination.

Personnel that do their 9-year AWS renewal based on continuing education (submitting PDHs) or by taking the AWS recertification course are required to take the ACCP abbreviated Practical examination to renew. (The ACCP requires *re-examination* at no more than 10-year intervals.)

If the AWS 9-year recertification Practical examination is taken prior to the ninth year of ACCP certification, that date may be considered the ACCP 10-year renewal by examination and the next 3-, 6- and 9-year cycle shall start from the date of that renewal.

G. Third-Party Level II certificate holders

Personnel who gained ACCP Level II certification based on certification(s) issued by an ASNT Approved 3rd-party NDT certification program may renew by submitting the appropriate ASNT recertification application and fees; re-affirming the ASNT Level II Code of Ethics and submitting a copy of their renewed 3rd-Party certificate or wallet card.

H. Renewal by examination

Renewal by examination can be requested at any time subject to the following conditions:

1. At any time prior to their expiration date, ASNT certificate holders may apply to take the following renewal examination(s) applicable to their certifications:
 - a. For ASNT NDT Level III certification, the full Method examination(s);
 - b. For ASNT NDT Level II, the applicable General and Specific examinations;
 - c. For ACCP Level III, the applicable abbreviated written examination(s); and
 - d. For ACCP Level II, the applicable abbreviated Practical examinations.
2. If such examination(s) are taken before the expiration date and successfully passed in Methods for which the individual currently holds a valid Certification, the process is considered to be renewal by examination.
3. Failure to successfully renew prior to the current expiration date will require that the applicant recertify as a new examinee.

TABLE 1: ASNT RENEWAL POINTS

The following NDT-related activities may be used to accumulate points to be used for renewal of ASNT NDT certifications. All points must be earned within the last 5-year certification period.

	Activity	Point value	Maximum points allowed per certification period
A₁	Teaching NDT courses for which academic credit or IACET accredited CEUs ARE given:	1 point per 2 contact hours	16
A₂	Teaching NDT courses for which academic credit or IACET accredited CEUs are NOT given:	1 point per 2 contact hours	10
<i>A maximum of 16 points may be claimed in Category A</i>			
B	Additional classroom or computer-based NDT training. <i>(Documentation must include number of contact hours and verification of successful completion.)</i>	1 point per 4 contact hours	10
C	Authoring or co-authoring technical NDT presentations at local technical society* or national meetings*. <i>(To receive credit, the individual must have contributed at least 50 percent of the content.)</i>	2 points per initial presentation	8
D	Attending technical sessions, seminars or panels at local ASNT Section or at NDT-related national meetings*.	1 point per 3 contact hours	10
E	Preparing and publishing an original NDT-related peer reviewed paper or full article* in a technical society publication*. To receive credit, the individual must have contributed at least 20 percent of the content.	3 points per paper or full article	12
F	Authoring short technical tips in the ASNT TNT Newsletter or other NDT-related technical publication	1 point per published Tip	6
G	Development and technical review of ASNT publications	See Definitions on page 7	15
H	Documented NDT contributions to NDT-related technical society committee projects.	2 points per completed project	12
I	Other non-ASNT third party technical certifications such as CWI, API, NACE, ASQ, etc.	1 pt per cert	5
J	Membership in the American Society for Nondestructive Testing [†]	1 point per year	5
K	Serving as ASNT trained Monitor or Assistant Monitor at ASNT examinations	1 point per 1/2-day session	6
L	Performance of external NDT audits*	2 per audit	8
M	Receiving a patent* for an NDT related product	4 per patent	12

* See definitions

INFORMATION CONCERNING THE POINT SYSTEM FOR RENEWAL

1. ASNT Level III Refresher Courses, accredited CEU courses, college courses, corporate training department courses and courses of similar quality leading to examinations do qualify for renewal points, provided they contribute to knowledge and growth at or above the qualification level (Level II or III) in the methods in which the applicant is certified, or are NDT-related (e.g. math, physical science, QC, etc.), or cover advanced NDT material.
2. Time spent taking examinations of any kind do **NOT** qualify for renewal points.
3. Acting as a Session Chairman at a Society meeting, or as a Section Officer, National Officer, Council, or Committee Chairman does **NOT** qualify for points; these are not technical functions. The only exception is for participation in technical society meetings whose primary function was to accomplish a significant technical (not administrative) project. Such projects must meet the requirements for Activity H in Table 1.
4. Test procedures, QC manuals, etc. prepared for employers do not qualify for points; they are considered as part of an applicant's occupational or work experience.
5. To earn points for attendance at technical sessions, documentation of attendance at the actual technical presentations must be submitted. Proving general attendance at the conference is not sufficient. At all ASNT Conferences, forms for documenting attendance are provided at each technical session; have them signed by the session chairperson and submit copies of them with the application for recertification.
6. Reports prepared for employers do not qualify for points unless and until they are given as a technical presentation or published per Activities C or F in Table 1.
7. Passing mathematics or physical science courses in connection with a college degree program qualifies for points, but it is the applicant's responsibility to document the contact hours in order to receive the point credit.
8. Certificates of completion for courses must show either contact hours or **CEUs**. It is up to the applicant to supply suitable documentation showing such hours or **CEUs**. One CEU equals 10 contact hours and is equivalent to 2.5 ASNT recertification points.
9. Providing the name of a person who can verify points is not satisfactory documentation. It is the applicant's responsibility to provide hard copy, i.e., documentation with the attesting person's signature.
10. To count for points, papers must be published in a technical society journal or official society publication. Publications which are not generally available to the public, such as company or governmental meetings or reports, are not acceptable. Similarly, talks given at meetings not open to the public do not earn points.
11. In general, the type of point documentation is the same as that needed to satisfy a strict QA/QC auditor. The ASNT Certification Program records are audited annually and must show strict compliance with the above rules and procedures, so full compliance is required of **all** applicants, including proper documentation. In case of doubt about the suitability of documentation or whether points should be awarded, the final decision rests with the Certification Management Council.

DEFINITIONS

Committee Projects: Specific identifiable official activities of the national technical societies such as round-robin or individual studies, preparation of guidelines, appendices, specifications, recommended practices, codes or standards, etc., may qualify. Documentation may include memo or letter reports, drafts of committee output documents, or major written comments on documents. Verbal comments, attendance at meetings, or return ballots without major comments do not qualify. Work on ASNT publications should be accrued under Categories E, F & G.

External NDT Audit: An NDT audit of a facility other than that of the auditor's place of employment such as NDT vendor or supplier audits.

Full Article: A full article is one of 1000 words or more at the time of publication.

Membership: Membership will be calculated based on the number of months a certificate holder has been a member in the current 5-year certification cycle. For each month of membership, 1/12th of a point (0.083 points) may be claimed.

National Meetings: Meetings, conferences, symposia, seminars, panels, etc., organized or sponsored by a national technical society or societies and advertised nationally. Regional conferences may qualify if they meet the above criteria. Trade shows and trade association meetings do not qualify. Closed meetings, i.e., those with attendance or notification restricted to certain groups, do not qualify. Foreign or international meetings qualify if the sponsor(s) are national or international and the attendance is not restricted.

Patents: Patents shall be those issued by the U.S. Patent Office or equivalent non-US governmental agency.

Publication Development and Review: Authors and reviewers may earn points for publication activities as shown below provided the contribution is published.

Publication type	Activity	Points	Publication type	Activity	Points
NDT Handbook	Contribute one full chapter	3	Materials Evaluation	Contribute full article (1000+ words)	3
	Contribute part of one chapter	1		Contribute short article or Tech Tip	1
	Review one chapter	1		Article review	1
Study Guides, Q&A Books, etc.	Author or revise one full book	3	The NDT Technician	Contribute full article (1000+ words)	3
	Full publication review	2		Contribute Working Smarter Tip	1
	Partial publication review	1		Contribute short article or Tech Tip	1
	Contribute single chapter	1		Article review	1

Written or e-mail acknowledgement of receipt and publication of such materials by the Publications Department will serve as documentation of completion of an assignment.

Significant Interruption: For the purposes of ASNT recertification, a break greater than 12 consecutive months.

Technical Society: A not-for-profit society representing a segment of industry in an NDT-related field or representing an industry that is an NDT user.

Technical Society Publications: The publications of national technical societies qualify. Foreign or international technical journals also qualify.

ASNT will attempt to notify certificate holders that their certificates are coming due for renewal using the postal and e-mail addresses in the certificate holder's ASNT membership/certification record.

It is the responsibility of each certificate holder to ensure that their contact information is correct.

ASNT shall not be responsible for correspondence not reaching certified personnel. Renewal forms may be requested from the ASNT Technical Services Department or may be downloaded from the Certification pages on the ASNT website at <http://www.asnt.org/certification/certification.htm>.

POINTS DOCUMENTATION

Below are examples of **typical** documentation for each of the points categories. Similar documentation that is submitted will be considered on an individual basis.

Item	Typical Documentation
A ₁	Training course outlines showing the NDT subject and number of classroom/contact hours and a copy of an IACET CEU certificate with your signature as the instructor. For academic courses, a copy of the course description (from a school Course Catalog, etc) showing the subject, hours, and you as the instructor.
A ₂	Training course outlines showing the NDT subject and number of training hours. A copy of a student's training documentation that would be placed in their company personnel certification file is satisfactory as long as the hours, subject and your name as instructor is shown.
B	Evidence of completion such as transcripts, certificates, diplomas, grades, etc. which denote contact hours or CEUs issued, the course subject and your participation.
C	Meeting notices, published programs, or correspondence on company or society letterhead, which identify the meeting, presentation title, presenter/author's name, and date.
D	Registration forms, trip reports, certificates of attendance, correspondence, or other positive evidence of attendance. This must denote activity title, date, location, and content.
E	The first page of a published paper is adequate, provided the title, the author(s) name(s), and the name and date of the publication appear.
F	A copy of the page showing the published technical tip with your name on it as the author or a copy of an e-mail from the editor stating that you did submit a tip that was used.
G	A copy of a letter, fax or e-mail from the appropriate ASNT Editor attesting that you have performed the development work or technical review being claimed. *** NOTE: <i>You</i> must request such documentation; it will not be generated automatically. ***
H	Committee meeting minutes or memoranda, correspondence, letter reports, or other evidence that identifies your role in completing committee projects is acceptable.
I	Copies of currently valid NDT-related certifications. Note: If a certification body issues individual certificates for each NDT test method, only one such certificate will be accepted from that cert body for each Level of qualification. Certificates issued by the same cert body but for different <i>applications</i> (such as API 653, 510 or 570 certs) would each count as a separate certification.
J	Copies of your ASNT membership cards showing the dates of membership, a copy of the receipt for payment of membership for specific years or written or e-mail confirmation by an ASNT Staff member will be accepted.
K	A copy of the agreement between ASNT and the Monitor (or Assistant Monitor) is acceptable.
L	A letter from a responsible agent of the 3rd party that was audited attesting that the applicant performed an NDT audit is acceptable. (Audit materials are by nature confidential and are not wanted and will NOT be accepted).
M	A copy of a new or renewed patent for an NDT product is acceptable provided it was granted or renewed within the current 5-year certification period.