

## **ASNT NDT PROGRAM RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS**

### **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. Must submit evidence of satisfactory near visual acuity (Jaeger J-2 or equivalent) and color perception. If a color deficiency exists, applicants must send documented proof that they can discern indications in the applicable test methods. The method of documentation should be described in the employer's written practice;
4. 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.

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.

### **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 if applicants came into the ACCP based on holding another third-party NDT certification), applicants may renew their certification(s) by points by meeting all of the requirements listed under the ASNT NDT Level III renewal requirements (above). Renewal by examination may be done instead of renewal by points at the request of the applicant.

At the 5-year interval after renewal, applicants must renew by examination by meeting all of the requirements listed under the ASNT NDT Level III renewal requirements listed above with the exception that an abbreviated renewal examination is required in lieu of points. The written 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 ACCP Level III certification based on certification(s) issued by an accredited 3rd-party NDT certification program that has renewal/recertification requirements that meet or exceed ACCP requirements may renew their ACCP by submitting the documentation listed in paragraphs 1, 2 and 4(a) & (b) above, a copy of their current 3rd-party NDT certificates for the applicable test methods and a current Jaeger J1 (or equivalent) near vision and color perception eye tests.

### **ACCP Level II Certification**

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.

ACCP Level II certificate holders that received ACCP certification by examination may renew their certification(s) at the 5-year interval (and at 10-year intervals thereafter) by meeting the following requirements:

5. Submit the appropriate ASNT recertification application and fees;
6. Re-affirm the ASNT Level II Code of Ethics;
7. Submit current (within 12 months) evidence of satisfactory near visual acuity (Jaeger J1 or equivalent) and color perception. If a color deficiency exists, applicants must send documented proof that they can discern indications in the applicable test methods. The method of documentation should be described in the employer's written practice;
8. Affirm continued active employment in Level II functions as related to the NDT Method(s) for which renewal is sought in the following manner:
  - a1) Submit a letter from the employer affirming that the applicant has been actively employed in NDT and has been using the applicable test methods without significant interruption during the current 5-year certification period;

#### **OR**

- a2) 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
- b) 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.

ACCP Level II certificate holders that received ACCP certification by examination must renew by examination at the 10-year interval after initial examination (and at 10-year intervals thereafter) by submitting the information detailed in paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 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, with a minimum of one (1) test piece in each applicable test method.

ACCP Level II certificate holders that attained ACCP certification by transitioning as SNT-TC-1A Level IIs must renew by examination at the first 5-year interval by submitting the information detailed in paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 and must take the renewal examination described above. After this renewal, these personnel will follow the 5-year renewal by points/10-year renewal by examination cycle as described previously.

### **AWS Agreement**

Personnel who received their ACCP Level II 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. These personnel may renew their ACCP VT certification by application when their current CWI/SCWI certification expires. Submittal of a renewed CWI or SCWI certificate shall be considered proof of qualification but applicants must also submit the information detailed in paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 above. **RENEWAL** may be done at the 3- and 6-year interval in this manner.

At the end of the ninth year of ACCP certification, the CWI/ACCP certificate holder must renew by examination by submitting a renewed CWI or SCWI certificate, the information detailed in paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 above, and must take the abbreviated ACCP VT Level II renewal examination. CWI/SCWI personnel who can document the successful completion of the AWS CWI 9-year Practical examination within that current certification period may use that examination in lieu of taking the ACCP renewal examination.

If the AWS 9-year recertification Practical examination is taken prior to the ninth year of ACCP certification, the AWS examination shall be considered ACCP renewal by examination instead of renewal by points.

### **Third-Party Level II certificate holders**

Personnel who gained ACCP Level II certification based on certification(s) issued by an accredited 3rd-party NDT certification program that has renewal/recertification requirements that meet or exceed ACCP requirements may renew by submitting the documentation listed in paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 above along with a copy of their current 3rd-party NDT certificate(s) for the applicable test methods.

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

- Applicants, at any time prior to the expiration date of any valid ASNT Certification, may apply to ASNT for examination in any Method(s) of NDT for which examinations are then offered by ASNT.
- 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 for the purpose of fees and documentation.
- Failure to successfully renew prior the current ACCP expiration date will require that the applicant recertify by full examination as a new examinee.

ASNT will make every effort to furnish the necessary forms for Renewal by application prior to the expiration of valid certifications. However, ***ASNT will not assume any responsibility for the applicant's failure to notify the ASNT Technical Services Department of any changes in address.*** ASNT shall not be responsible for the failure of any correspondence concerning Certification to reach the individual.

**If you have not received the Renewal forms at least 4 months prior to your expiration date, 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>.

**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.

	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Point value</b>	<b>Maximum points allowed per certification period</b>
A	Teaching of NDT courses: a) for which academic credit or IACET accredited CEUs ARE given:	1 point per 2 contact hours	16
	b) for which academic credit or IACET accredited CEUs are NOT given:	1 point per 2 contact hours	10
<b><i>A maximum of 16 points may be claimed in this category.</i></b>			
B	Additional classroom or computer-based NDT training. (Documentation must include number of contact hours and verification of successful completion.)	1 point per 4 contact hours	10
C	Authoring or co-authoring technical NDT presentations at local technical society* or national meetings*. (To receive credit, the individual must have contributed at least 50 percent of the content.)	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*	3 points per completed project	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.

**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.

**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:** Authoring or co-authoring technical publications or performing technical reviews for the ASNT Publications Department. Completion of full drafts of one chapter of an ASNT NDT Handbook or partial drafts of smaller publications as requested by the Publications Department are considered to be completed assignments. Submittal of major written comments when reviewing text revisions as requested by the Publications Department is considered to be a completed assignment. Written or e-mail acknowledgement of receipt of such materials by the Publications Department will serve as documentation of completion of an assignment.

**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.