

ASTM NCATT Certified Technicians

In a meeting held October 10, 2021, ASTM F46 Committee for Aerospace Personnel elected to impose a ***five (5) year certification period for all ASTM NCATT certifications***. This action was based on a Military Integrated Credentialing Opportunities Online (ICOOL) requirement that all certifications funded through the Department of Defense (DOD) have an expiration with renewal requiring evidence the certificate holder is current in the occupation or otherwise meet requirements of ISO 17024, Conformity assessment — General requirements for bodies operating certification of persons. To phase in this new requirement, Committee F46 has elected to ***grandfather all existing ASTM NCATT certified technicians for five years*** based on the new period of certification. Any certifications issued prior to January 1, 2022 will have an expiration date of January 1, 2027. An email notification will be sent out closer to that expiration date.

To achieve continued certification, current certificate holders will be receiving notification that verification of contact information is necessary to continue their certification for the five-year renewal period. Notices will also be posted on the ASTM NCATT and Credential Testing Services web pages and in trade journals.

******* This policy goes into effect January 1, 2022 *******

For certifications issued after January 1, 2022, certificate holders will be notified prior to certification expiration (after five years), based on contact information supplied at time of registration. To capture evidence of currency in 18 of the prior 60 months, the ASTM NCATT verification process will require any one of the four following options:

1. Supplying a properly completed ASTM NCATT Work Verification for Evidence of Currency form within 180 days of notification a certification is expiring. This option documents work in the field of certification in at least 18 of the prior 60 months before expiration. The Work Verification form is available at ASTM.org.
2. Utilizing the ASTM NCATT Alternate Method to submit evidence of accumulation of a minimum of 27 Alternate Currency Credits (ACCs) based on the ASTM NCATT Alternate Currency Credits Table (this will be made available on the ASTM.org website).
3. For Aircraft Electronics Technician (AET) certification, successfully earn at least one ASTM NCATT AET endorsement. AET Plus One Endorsement now meets the training requirements for an FAA Repairman's license, therefore it is the committee's determination earning an endorsement indicates continued competence in the field.
 - a. AET currently has four endorsements, Dependent Navigation Systems (DNS), Autonomous Navigation Systems (ANS), Radio Communication Systems (RCS) and Onboard Communication and Safety Systems (OCS).
4. If unable to meet the three previous options for renewal, expired certifications will require an equivalent certification examination.

ASTM F46 Committee has also recently released three additional standards identified by industry as critical skills necessary to properly maintain next generation aircraft:

1. Aircraft Electronics Installation Technician (AEIT)
2. Aircraft Instrumentation Technician (AIT)
3. Flight Hazard and Surveillance Systems (FHSS).

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AET endorsement exams for these specialties are in the queue for development and will be released soon.