AWS CWI FAQs

ACCP Level II Visual Testing certification is available to AWS CWIs and SCWIs through the agreement with ASNT. This agreement facilitates companies' and individuals' compliance with current and anticipated personnel qualification requirements for Visual Testing. To read more about the agreement, see the ACCP Level II Certification area on the ASNT Web site.

To find answers to common questions, see the FAQ which follows. E-mail your additional questions to jhouf@asnt.org or call 800-222-2768.

To apply for the ACCP Level II Visual Testing cert, download a PDF application from the ASNT Web site.

1. **As a CWI or SCWI, what is the advantage of being certified as an ACCP Level II in Visual and Optical Testing (VT)?**

   If you work under codes or specifications that reference the ASNT *Recommended Practice No. SNT-TC-1A* or ACCP as a requirement for NDT certification, having the ACCP VT certification will meet that requirement for VT.

2. **What type of ACCP certification can I get as a CWI or SCWI?**

   If you have a currently valid CWI or SCWI certificate, you can apply for ACCP VT Level II in the General Industry (GI) Sector in the Direct Testing technique. If you also wish to apply for the Pressure Equipment (PE) Sector, you will have to document three years experience in the inspection of pressure related equipment. If you have Remote testing experience, you can also apply for the Remote technique by listing the remote visual equipment and the types of inspections that you have performed with that equipment.

3. **As an SCWI, can I apply for ACCP Level III through this agreement?**

   No. When the ASNT Certification Management Council reviewed the AWS SCWI examination requirements, they determined that the ASNT Basic Examination requirement, which tests the candidates for knowledge of other NDT methods, was not met. As a result, SCWIs cannot get ACCP Professional Level III certification. However, because an SCWI has met all of the requirements of a CWI, they may apply for the same ACCP Level II certifications.

4. **What will ACCP certification cost me?**

   The base price is $200.00. The PE and Remote endorsement prices are $25.00 each.

5. **If I get ACCP certification now, when will it expire?**

   Your ACCP certificate will expire on the same date as your current CWI or SCWI certificate. If your CWI certificate is due to expire in the near future, you may wish to wait until you renew your AWS certification before you apply for ACCP certification.

6. **Will my ACCP be renewed when I renew my CWI or SCWI certification?**

   While your ACCP certification will expire at the same time as your current CWI or SCWI, it will have to be renewed separately through ASNT. Because AWS has a 30-day grace period for renewal, ASNT will permit certificate holders to apply up to 60 days after their AWS expiration date. This will give applicants time to receive their renewed certificates from AWS and to forward a copy to ASNT with their ACCP renewal application, which will be available on the ASNT website.

7. **What kind of eye examination will I need?**

The ACCP program requires **Jaeger J-1** near vision acuity, so your AWS eye examination (which requires J-2 acuity) cannot be accepted. When applicants go in for their AWS eye exam, they should ask to be tested to J-1 and have the eye examiner note on the report form that J-1 acuity has been met. The AWS eye form can be used as long as the J-1 note is included.

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