



Application for Certification Program Accreditation

Application Completion Instructions & Checklist

1. Use one complete application form for **EACH** certification program for which accreditation is sought; a \$200 application fee is required for each application.
2. Submit your application in electronic format (ex. Dropbox link, Email file, flash drive, etc). Email Dropbox Link/file to office@cesb.org and/or mail flash drive to below address.
3. Provide all **mandatory documentation with identified tabs, folder or file names, or electronic bookmarks** when submitting the completed application to verify and support your response(s) to the application questions or adherence to CESB mandatory guidelines. When prompted, you must document your adherence to CESB Guidelines by listing the document or policy **name** and **location in the shaded spaces**.
 - a. **Referencing the documentation to support your response(s) is stating the name of the policy, procedure or legal document.** You may also include a link to your website, if you believe it will be helpful to the accreditation application evaluators.
 - b. **Referencing the location of these documents is stating the physical location within the application package.**

Example

Supporting Document(s) Name: Constitution & Bylaws, Article II, Section 5 (www.myco.org/legaldocs) Examination Results Policy 3.1.10	Physical Location in application package: Tab A, Page 4, paragraph 3 Governance Folder, Application file, page 3
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4. **Submit your application for accreditation** with suitable responses in the spaces provided for each section and attach a separate sheet for any response exceeding the allotted space, with the section noted in the header. If you cannot use the editable PDF form onscreen, please contact the CESB office at office@cesb.org or (225) 408-4782. NOTE: When submitting an application for Re-Accreditation, it must be submitted by June 1st
5. If you were subject to a corrective action requirement in the CESB Accreditation Action Report for the subject program during your last accreditation or re-accreditation, **you must submit a copy of that Report with the completed application.**
6. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure the application is accurate and complete. If the application contains errors or has incomplete responses or does not include mandatory documentation, it will be returned to the applicant for correction before detailed review.
7. If questions arise during review of the application that require more clarity or documented information, you will be requested to provide answers by a supplemental submittal.
8. The application fee is non-refundable and does not guarantee accreditation or re-accreditation of your program.

A \$200.00 application fee (made payable to CESB) is due for each application and should be mailed to:

**Council of Engineering & Scientific Specialty Boards
(CESB)**

8550 United Plaza Blvd, Ste 1001
Baton Rouge, LA 70809

This application is for:

Initial Accreditation

Re-accreditation

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Certifying body making application:

Please list the Organization Name, Address, Phone, Fax and Website address

Person to contact (Name & Title): _____

2. Name of program for which accreditation sought: _____

3. Certification Title/Designation Granted: _____

Category of certification (select one):

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER CATEGORY

(by selecting this category, you confirm compliance to both statements and are providing documentation to support compliance in the space provided.)

- ✓ CESB requires candidates for certification to be licensed as Professional Engineer by the lawfully constituted licensure board of any state or jurisdiction of the United States or the equivalent licensure from another country as determined by the Certifying Body.
- ✓ CESB requires candidates for certification to have at least six (6) years of experience in engineering following the baccalaureate degree or have at least two (2) years of experience in engineering following licensure, acceptable to the Certifying Body.

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GRADUATE ENGINEER CATEGORY

(by selecting this category, you confirm compliance to both statements and are providing documentation to support compliance in the space provided.)

- ✓ CESB requires candidates for certification to hold an EAC / ABET accredited degree (or equivalent).
- ✓ CESB requires candidates for certification to possess a minimum of four years of practical, responsible experience in the specialty certified that is acceptable to the Certifying Body.

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Physical Location in application package:

ENGINEERING RELATED CATEGORY

(by selecting this category, you confirm compliance to both statements and are providing documentation to support compliance in the space provided.)

- ✓ CESB requires candidates for certification to hold a baccalaureate degree (accredited by an accrediting body recognized by the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation) in a field related to engineering (or equivalent).
- ✓ CESB requires candidates for certification to possess a minimum of four years of practical, responsible experience in the specialty area acceptable to the Certifying Body.

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ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN CATEGORY

(by selecting this category, you confirm compliance to both statements and are providing documentation to support compliance in the space provided.)

- ✓ We require candidates for certification to have demonstrated a level of knowledge equivalent to that associated with an accredited engineering technology associate degree.
- ✓ We require candidates for certification to possess a minimum of two years of relevant work experience acceptable to the Certifying Body.

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4. If your program grants certificates in subspecialties, please document them in the spaces provided.
(e.g. *Diplomate Environmental Engineer in Solid Waste Management*)

Supporting Document(s) Name:	Physical Location in application package:

5. When did the program begin? _____ (Month/Year)
 How many certificates have been awarded since the program began? _____
 Of these, how many are currently active? _____

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

- a. Describe succinctly the purpose of the certification program in accordance to your organization’s constitution and bylaws and document your adherence to CESB Accreditation Guideline 1.0 in the spaces provided.

Supporting Document(s) Name:	Physical Location in application package:

2.0 STRUCTURE OF THE CERTIFYING BODY

- a. The structure of your organization must match one of the following options. Please indicate your organization’s structure and document your adherence to CESB Accreditation Guideline 2.0.a in the spaces provided. **Copies of Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws are required.**

- Non-profit, non-governmental organization
 Non-profit, governmental organization

Is the organization incorporated? Yes No

If yes, specify the state name? _____

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- b. The certifying body must be independent in certification program decisions. Please confirm you meet this condition and document your adherence to CESB Accreditation Guideline 2.0.b in the spaces provided.

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- c. The certifying body must consist of a majority of certified individuals. Provide the information below and document your adherence to CESB Accreditation Guideline 2.0.c in the spaces provided.

Total # of members: _____ how many are certified by the organization: _____

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- d. There must be a formal procedure for the selection of members of the certifying body, which shall also prohibit the selection of more than one-third of its membership. Please confirm your process selecting your method and document your adherence to CESB Accreditation Guideline 2.0.d in the spaces provided.

Election

Appointment

If members are appointed, who appoints them?

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3.0 RESOURCES OF THE CERTIFYING BODY

- a. Financial - **A copy of the organization's Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenue & Expense is required.** Adequate financial resources to properly conduct certification activities are required. Document your adherence to CESB Accreditation Guideline 3.0.a in the spaces provided

1. Annual budget:

Total Organization: \$ _____

Certification Operation: \$ _____

2. Organization's Financial Reserves: \$ _____

(An organization's financial reserves are its liquid, unrestricted, current assets as shown on the balance sheet.)

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3. Method of generating revenue (select all that apply):

- Certification Fees Publications Contracts Exhibits
 Membership Dues Conferences Investment Income

b. **Personnel** – For the following three items, you must include an **Organizational Chart, documentation for the roles and responsibilities of those involved in the certification program, and documentation of education and experience for those involved in certification decisions.**

1. Provide the name, title and description of primary responsibilities of staff involved in certification operation in the space below:

Name	Title	Responsibilities

2. Does the organization use service providers? Yes No

If yes, list the provider and describe service provided:

Service Provider Name	Services Provided

3. Describe the role(s) of persons or committees other than staff or service providers in the certifying program operation:

Person or Committee	Description of Responsibility

Document your adherence to CESB Accreditation Guideline 3.0.b in the spaces provided.

Supporting Document(s) Name: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizational Chart 	Physical Location in application package:
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3.0.b continued

Supporting Document(s) Name: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> List of roles & responsibilities of those involved in the certification program 	Physical Location in application package:
Supporting Document(s) Name: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> List of roles & responsibilities of those involved in certification decisions 	Physical Location in application package:

4.0 CERTIFICATION PROGRAM OPERATION

a. Scope

The certification program may be national or international in scope. Please specify the scope of your program:

- USA Only International without limitation
 USA, plus the following countries: _____

b. The program must provide the opportunity for the public, consumers and sponsoring organizations to have input into the policies and decisions of the certifying body. Please describe how you provide opportunities and document your adherence to CESB Accreditation Guideline 4.0.b in the spaces provided.

Type	Policies	Decisions
Public		
Supporting Document(s) Name:		Physical Location in application package:
Consumers		
Supporting Document(s) Name:		Physical Location in application package:
Sponsoring Organizations		
Supporting Document(s) Name:		Physical Location in application package:

- c. The program must use procedures for assuring relevance of the knowledge, skills, and abilities used to define the specialty's body of knowledge. Please document your adherence to CESB Accreditation Guideline 4.0.c in the spaces provided.

Briefly describe the mechanism.	
Supporting Document(s) Name:	Physical Location in application package:

- d. The program must use a method to evaluate individual competence that is objective, fair and based on the knowledge, skills and abilities needed to function in the specialty area. Document your adherence to CESB Accreditation Guideline 4.0.d in the spaces provided.

Please specify the method(s) used to evaluate a person seeking certification (*select all that apply*):

- Verification of academic credentials Evaluation of work experience
 Written examination Oral examination

Briefly describe the mechanism.	
Supporting Document(s) Name:	Physical Location in application package:

- e. The program must assure procedures are established for examination reliability and validity. Please briefly describe your procedure and document your adherence to CESB Accreditation Guideline 4.0.e in the spaces provided.

Procedure Type	Description
Reliability is the ability of different examiners to arrive at similar scores.	
Supporting Document(s) Name:	Physical Location in application package:
Validity is the ability to effectively measure the desired parameters	
Supporting Document(s) Name:	Physical Location in application package:

- f. **The program must assure any examination used is designed to test the Body of Knowledge of the certification. Please briefly describe your mechanism and document your adherence to CESB Accreditation Guideline 4.0.f in the spaces provided.**

Briefly describe the mechanism.	
Supporting Document(s) Name:	Physical Location in application package:

- g. **The program must ensure Pass or Fail scores are fairly set and consistent with generally accepted psychometric principles. Please briefly describe your mechanism and reference the supporting document(s) and the location of documentation to support your adherence to CESB Guideline 4.0.g.**

Briefly describe the mechanism.	
Supporting Document(s) Name:	Physical Location in application package:

- h. **The program must utilize appropriate measures to protect the security of any examination used to evaluate individuals for certification. Please briefly describe your mechanism and reference the supporting document(s) and the location of documentation to support your adherence to CESB Guideline 4.0.h.**

Briefly describe the mechanism.	
Supporting Document(s) Name:	Physical Location in application package:

- i. **The program must review at least every five years, or more often, the body of knowledge and methods used to measure individual capability to assure it is keeping pace with changes in technology and professional practices. Please briefly describe your mechanism and reference the supporting document(s) and the location of documentation to support your adherence to CESB Guideline 4.0.i.**

Briefly describe the mechanism.	
Supporting Document(s) Name:	Physical Location in application package:

Please specify the last known BoK review for this certification: _____ (Month/Year)

- j. **The program must prohibit those involved in the certification of individuals from providing training for the purpose of obtaining such certification. Please briefly describe your mechanism and reference the supporting document(s) and the location of documentation to support your adherence to CESB Guideline 4.0.j.**

Briefly describe the mechanism.	
Supporting Document(s) Name:	Physical Location in application package:

- k. **The program must define and maintain policies describing the ethical behavior expected of its Leaders, Volunteers, Certificants, Contractors and Staff. Please list the policy used for the specified group and reference the location of the documentation to support your adherence to CESB Guideline 4.0.k.**

Group	Supporting Document(s) Name:	Physical Location in application package:
Leaders		
Volunteers		
Certificants		
Contractors		
Staff		

5.0 PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF CERTIFICATION

- a. **The program must publish a document that clearly defines the responsibilities of the certifying body pertaining to operation of the certification program and outline any activities of the certifying body not related to certification. Please briefly describe your mechanism and reference the supporting document(s) and the location of documentation to support your adherence to CESB Guideline 5.0.a.**

Briefly describe the mechanism	
Supporting Document(s) Name:	Physical Location in application package:

- b. The program must make available to the public, a general description of procedures used to construct and validate its exams, examination administration and reporting of examination results. Please provide the location of the documentation to support your adherence to CESB Guideline 5.0.b.

Procedure	Supporting Document(s) Name:	Physical Location in application package:
Construction and validation of exams		
Examination Administration		
Reporting of Examination Results		

- c. The program must publish a comprehensive summary or outline of the information, knowledge or functions covered by any examination that may be required. Please briefly describe your mechanism and reference the supporting document(s) and the location of documentation to support your adherence to CESB Guideline 5.0.c.

Briefly describe the mechanism	
Supporting Document(s) Name:	Physical Location in application package:

- d. The program must publish, at least annually, a summary of certification activities, including the number of applicants, number certified, and number recertified. Please briefly describe your mechanism and reference the supporting document(s) and the location of documentation to support your adherence to CESB Guideline 5.0.d.

Briefly describe the mechanism	
Supporting Document(s) Name:	Physical Location in application package:

6.0 RESPONSIBILITIES TO APPLICANTS

- a. The program must not discriminate among applicants as to age, sex, race, religion, national origin, disability, or marital status. Please confirm you satisfy this condition by referencing the supporting document (s) and location of documentation to support your adherence to CESB Guideline 6.0.a.

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- b. The program must provide all applicants with copies of formalized procedures for application and attainment of certification. Please confirm you satisfy this condition by referencing the supporting document (s) and location of documentation to support your adherence to CESB Guideline 6.0.b.

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- c. The program must formally and periodically review its application, testing, and scoring procedures to ensure that they are fair and equitable. Please confirm you satisfy this condition by referencing the supporting document (s) and location of documentation to support your adherence to CESB Guideline 6.0.c.

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- d. The program must provide competently proctored testing sites that are readily accessible in all areas congruent with the scope of their program, at least annually. Please specify who proctors your exams and reference the location of the documentation to support your adherence to CESB Guideline 6.0.d.

Proctor Type	Supporting Document(s) Name:	Physical Location in application package:
<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate holders		
<input type="checkbox"/> Service provider		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		

- e. The program must promptly report examination results. Please confirm you meet this condition by referencing the supporting document (s) and location of documentation to support your adherence to CESB Guideline 6.0.e.

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What is the average time for reporting results for this examination? _____

- f. The program must provide candidates who fail an examination a summary of the general area(s) of deficiency. Please specify how you provide this information and reference the supporting document (s) and location of documentation to support your adherence to CESB Guideline 6.0.f.

Method	Supporting Document(s) Name:	Physical Location in application package:
<input type="checkbox"/> In writing		
<input type="checkbox"/> Orally		

<input type="checkbox"/> Combination of written & oral		
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- g. The program must maintain the confidentiality of each applicant's examination results, recertification information, and any other information on file unless authorized to release the information by the candidate/certificant or if required by law. Please confirm you satisfy this condition by referencing the supporting document (s) and location of documentation to support your adherence to CESB Guideline 6.0.g.

Supporting Document(s) Name:	Physical Location in application package:

- h. The program must have a formal, published policy by which an applicant/certificant can appeal a decision of the organization pertaining an application, examination scoring, or certification. Please confirm you satisfy this condition by referencing the supporting document (s) and location of documentation to support your adherence to CESB Guideline 6.0.h.

Supporting Document(s) Name:	Physical Location in application package:

- i. The program must not require training by the Certifying Body as a prerequisite for certification. Please confirm you meet this condition by referencing the supporting document (s) and location of documentation to support your adherence to CESB Guideline 6.0.i.

Supporting Document(s) Name:	Physical Location in application package:

7.0 RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE PUBLIC AND CONSUMERS

- a. The program must adhere to each of the following practices. Please confirm your program satisfies this condition by referencing the supporting document (s) and location of documentation to support your adherence to CESB Guideline 7.0.a:

1. Assure the title(s) awarded by the program accurately reflect the body of knowledge covered by the certification.	
Supporting Document(s) Name:	Physical Location in application package:
2. Assure the program's examinations adequately measure the knowledge, skills, and abilities required for practice in each specialty area certified.	
Supporting Document(s) Name:	Physical Location in application package:
3. Award certificates ONLY after an applicant's qualifications have been evaluated and found acceptable.	
Supporting Document(s) Name:	Physical Location in application package:

4. Maintain a free publicly accessible roster of valid certificate holders.	
Specify how your roster is published:	
<input type="checkbox"/> The roster is published <input type="checkbox"/> The roster is maintained on an Internet accessible computer database <input type="checkbox"/> The roster is accessible by written or phone request <input type="checkbox"/> How often is the roster updated? _____	
Supporting Document(s) Name:	Physical Location in application package:
5. Maintain a formal due process and procedures for discipline of certificants, including revocation of certification.	
Supporting Document(s) Name:	Physical Location in application package:

8.0 RECERTIFICATION

- a. The program must limit certification to no more than five years. Please specify the certified terms for this certification (select one) and reference the supporting document (s) and location of documentation to support your adherence to CESB Guideline 8.0.a.

1 year 2 years 3 years 4 years 5 years

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- b. The program must have a process for maintenance of certification qualifications. Please specify how recertification is obtained in your program and reference the supporting document (s) and location of documentation to support your adherence to CESB Guideline 8.0.b.

<input type="checkbox"/> Re-examination	
Supporting Document(s) Name:	Physical Location in application package:

<input type="checkbox"/> Combination of continuing professional experience, professional development and professional activity	
<i>NOTE: CESB accreditation guidelines require a minimum average of 20-hours per year.</i>	
How does your organization record value? <input type="checkbox"/> PDH <input type="checkbox"/> CEU <input type="checkbox"/> Units <input type="checkbox"/> Points <input type="checkbox"/> Credits <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	
By using the guidance statement listed below, describe how your organization meets the CESB guideline.	

Guidance Statement: It is not the intent of CESB to dictate what evaluation measure is used for an organization's certification renewal requirements. However, applicants for CESB accreditation must require a minimum average of 20 hours per year of professional development activity over the certification term (please refer to CESB Accreditation Guideline 8.0 (b)). If your organization measures professional development by points, credits or etc., **there must be a conversion between the professional development activity and the time investment in hours.**

Point/Credit Conversion example: The maximum points awarded for completion of an online seminar is 3 points for your organization's renewal requirements. The online seminar was 2 hours in length. For the purpose of satisfying the CESB item 8.b of the Accreditation Guidelines, the activity would equate to 2 professional development hours (PDHs) towards the renewal.

Cycle average example: Your program's renewal period runs for 3 years. The professional development hours accumulated for your certificant may be as follows: Year 1 = 15 PDHs, Year 2 = 25 PDHs, and Year 3 = 21 PDHs. The average over the 3 year period would be $(15+25+21)/3$ years = 20.333 average PDH accumulation over the renewal period which is acceptable for the purpose of CESB's requirement of a minimum average of 20 PDHs/year.

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Other (please describe): _____

Describe how your organization meets the CESB guideline with this method.

Supporting Document(s) Name:	Physical Location in application package:
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9.0 TITLES

- a. The program must adhere to each of the following requirements. Please confirm the program satisfies this condition by referencing the supporting document (s) and location of documentation to support your adherence to CESB Guideline 9.0.a.

1. Limit the use of "engineer" or "engineering" without modifications (e.g. engineering technologist, engineering technician) in its titles to only those persons possessing a valid professional engineering license or a baccalaureate or higher degree in engineering from an EAC / ABET accredited institution or equivalent.

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2. Limit the use of the title "Diplomate" in any title including the word "engineer" to those individuals certified by Professional Engineer Specialty Certification Boards.

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3. Use effective procedures to assure that any titles or trademarks granted to certified persons are properly used.

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APPLICATION CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

I, the undersigned, personally certify, on behalf of the organization named in this application that it voluntarily submits this application; that it will abide by the decision made by the Council of Engineering and Scientific Specialty Boards; and, that all information contained herein and attached hereto, is true and correct to the best of my information and belief.

Name of Organization

By Name & Title

Signature

Date