

What is the ETA annual certification maintenance program?



The annual certification maintenance program is the ETA-I certification renewal program that is based on annual renewal requirements for a 4-year cycle. Certification holders submit renewal criteria every year as opposed to the “old” 4-year renewal program which allowed renewal submissions only at the end of the 4 year period. The annual certification maintenance program went into effect January 01, 2003 in order to comply with ISO standard 17024 for certification bodies.

Are all of my certifications under the annual maintenance program?

The Certifications under the annual maintenance program are:

ASA	CAST	CST	LAS	RFSIT
AVD	CAT	ECD	NCT	TCM
AVN	CEST	ESNT	PCSC	USMSS
BIET	CNST	GVT	RAD	WCM
BMD	CSI	IND	RFID	WNT

How does the annual maintenance program work?

Every year around the anniversary date of the first certification that qualifies for the maintenance program you will receive a notice from ETA-I that your annual maintenance requirements are due. All maintenance submission criteria is recorded in the ETA-I global database and at the end of the 4-year cycle eligible certifications are automatically renewed.

What are the annual maintenance requirements?

The annual maintenance requirements are;

(a) ten hours continuing education credits or documentation of additional training

or

(b) employer verification if you are employed in the field of your certification and have received additional training as part of your job requirements.

and the annual maintenance fee of \$25.00 (international \$45.00).

What can count as continuing education?

There are a number of ways to acquire continuing education credits, including:

1. Education credits
2. Graduation certificates
3. College credit transcripts

4. Electronics technician training sessions or courses (completion certificate required)
5. Association- or manufacturer/supplier-sponsored conferences or seminars or product training (receipt required)
6. Military electronics training classes
7. Publication of technical article or research
8. Work experience in a related field (requires completed Employer Verification Form)

What is the cost of the annual maintenance program?

The annual maintenance fee is \$25.00 and includes a one-year complimentary ETA membership (a \$35.00 value). Certification holders with multiple certifications are required to pay only one maintenance fee of \$25.00 per year. If you have one certification or 5, the maintenance fee is the same.

What happens after I send in my annual maintenance requirements?

Submitted maintenance criteria is recorded on your certification record and contact and employer information is updated at this time. Your membership is extended for another year.

How do I get a new certificate after mine has expired?

If you are up-to-date on all the ETA maintenance requirements you will be automatically issued new certificates at the end of the 4-year cycle good for another 4 years.

What if I fall behind on the maintenance requirements?

If you fall behind on the annual maintenance you can catch up as long as your certification is not more than two years expired. Certifications more than two years past expiration will be renewed only by re-test.

What are the benefits of the annual maintenance program?

Yearly contact with certification holders ensures an up-to-date database which allows ETA-I to notify certification holders of any changes that may affect their certifications. If you submit your maintenance requirements every year you will be sent an updated cert every four years, avoiding a last minute scramble and possible lapse in your certification.

Each year that you submit maintenance requirements extends the one year complimentary ETA membership, in other words, as long as you follow the maintenance program you will receive a free membership, a \$35.00 per year value.

The annual maintenance program also ensures that those technicians holding valid ETA certifications are staying current with the technology changes in their field and working or learning in that field.

