ESA Certification Program

Associate Certified Entomologist (ACE)

Benefits and Application

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Realize Your Potential: Enjoy the pride, prestige, and professionalism of earning your ACE certification.

- Increase your visibility
- Attain industry-leading credentials
- Find more job opportunities
- Set yourself apart from the competition

“Attaining the ACE was the crown jewel for what I can do in my job. The ACE symbolizes the highest attainment level to my company and to me personally...”

Structural pest management is a complex and highly-specialized market. Pest introductions and migrations, changing regulations, new technologies — a pest management professional needs to be an expert in a wide variety of areas. How do you communicate that you have this expertise and training to your customers and employers?

Becoming an ACE means that you have become an Associate Certified Entomologist. While ACE certification is not a degree equivalency, it is the national standard for pest management professionalism. ACE is the most-respected sign of professional achievement in the pest management industry and is rapidly becoming the benchmark for pest management. Becoming an ACE can help you to achieve:

- Increased Credibility
- Professional Growth
- Personal Satisfaction
- Enhanced Prestige and Recognition
- High Professional Standards
- Recognized Leadership

The benefits of ACE certification include:

- Ability to put “ACE” in your marketing materials
- Free ACE merchandise like uniform patch, lapel pin, and truck/store window decals
- ACE wallet card and certificate
- Inclusion on the ESA roster of ACEs
- Certified Science email of the latest entomological research
- Ability to purchase ACE-branded clothing (hats, shirts, vests)
- Online subscription to American Entomologist
- Discounts on all ESA meetings
- Professional growth and development

Who can become an ACE?

ACE applicants need a minimum of 7 years of verifiable US-based structural pest management experience, a current pesticide applicator’s license issued in the U.S., and the ability to pass a test of their knowledge of structural pest control. The ACE exam is designed to test pest management professionals on the practical aspects of applied entomology. The major categories of competency covered by the exam include:

- Monitoring
- Inspection and Identification
- Selection and Implementation of Control Methods
- Evaluation
- Knowledge of the most prevalent insects and related arthropods found throughout the United States

How do I get started?

Start by filling out the application included in this flyer. An ACE application, once approved, is good for a three year period. During that time the applicant can apply to take the exam as many times as needed (waiting between 3 and 12 months between attempts). As soon as the applicant passes the exam they are ACE certified until the end of that same 3-year period. Applications must include:

- Contact information on the applicant
- Signature on the ACE Code of Ethics
- A photocopy of a current pesticide applicator’s license that allows the individual to apply pesticides unsupervised (or the highest level of pesticide license available in that state)
- At least one professional reference
- Application fee
- Work history

Many state associations offer ACE Prep Courses. Consult the ESA website to find if one will be held near you soon. The Certification website provides a list of suggested references and a study guide. As soon as you are ready, choose a proctor and schedule your test with ESA.

For more information on ACE certification visit www.entocert.org; for information about review courses, contact the ESA Certification Corporation at ace@entocert.org.
Contact Information

Prefix (Mr., Mrs., Miss, Dr., Col.): ____________________________________ Informal/Nickname: ___________________________

Last/Surname/Family Name: ________________________________________ First/Birthname: ______________________________

Employer/Company Name:  ____________________________________________________________________________________

Work Mailing Address:   _______________________________________________________________________________________

City: __________________________________ State:  __________ Zip:  _______________ Country: __________________________

Home Address: ______________________________________________________________________________________________

City:  __________________________________ State:  _________  Zip:  _______________ Country: __________________________

Country Code:  _____ Work Phone:  ___________________  Home Phone: ____________________  Mobile: __________________

Primary Email:  ________________________________________  Secondary Email: ______________________________________

Are you an ESA member?  ☐ Yes ☐ No  I would like to join ESA.  ☐ Yes ☐ No  (For more information visit www.entsoc.org/join)

Where did you learn about the ACE program? _____________________________________________________________________

Is there anyone we should notify when you pass your ACE exam (e.g., local media and/or employer):

Name(s):  ________________________________________________________________________________________________

Email(s):   ________________________________________________________________________________________________

License Information

State(s) in which you are a licensed Pesticide Applicator: ____________________________________________________________

Please attach a copy of your license(s).  (Use a separate sheet if needed)

Name as it should appear on your certificate: _____________________________________________________________________ (Please print/type clearly)

Code of Ethics

By signing your name below you are certifying that if your application to become an ACE is accepted and if you pass your examination and pay the applicable fees, you are willing to adhere to the ACE Code of Ethics (available online at www.entocert.org.)

Signature:  ___________________________________________________________   Date: ______________________________

Reference

Please provide the name and contact for at least one business reference.

Reference Full Name: ___________________________________________________________

Company:  __________________________________________________________________________________________________

Mailing Address: _____________________________________________________________________________________________

City:______________________________________________  State:____________   Zip:__________________  Country: _________

Phone:  ________________________________________________  Email: ______________________________________________
Application and Exam Details

An ACE application is valid for 3 years from acceptance. Your first attempt at the exam must occur within 1 year of application. If successful, you will be immediately ACE-certified until the end of the 3-year period. If you need to retest you must wait between 3 and 12 months to retest and a fee will be required to retest. If you have not passed the exam within 3 years the application expires.

All exams are to be proctored by a BCE or ACE with whom you have no conflict of interest. See www.entocert.org/selecting-proctor-0 for details. Many applicants take the exam as part of a prep course. If you are taking part in an ACE Prep Course and exam, list the course organizer here: _____________________________.

- I will find a proctor on my own (start here: www.entocert.org/rosters)
- I need help finding a proctor
- My proctor is (below):

  Full Name: ________________________________________________________________

  How do you know this proctor: ______________________________________________

  Expected Test Date: __________

  Email: _________________________________________________________________

  Phone: ____________________________  Cell: ________________________________

Payment Information

Payment: Please provide your credit card information or mail a check payable to ESA Certification Corporation with this form.

Please check one:

- Check
- American Express
- Discover
- MasterCard
- Visa

New Application/Examination Fee
(3 yrs. & Includes one examination attempt)

- $355/ESA member
- $395/Non-ESA member

Retesting

- $50/ESA member
- $75/Non-ESA member

Special Offer: ACE study resource - Handbook of Household and Structural Insect Pests

- $10/ACE applicants (while quantities last)
- $59/Regular Price

ESA Membership – calendar year 2014 membership
(see www.entsoc.org/join)

- $144

Total enclosed: __________

Credit Card Number: ____________________________  Exp. Date: __________  CVV: __________

Name on Credit Card: ____________________________

Address: ____________________________  City: ____________________________  State: _______  Zip: _______

Signature of Cardholder: ________________________________________________________________

Mail to: ESA Certification Corporation, ACE Program, c/o Wachovia Bank; Lockbox 758954, Baltimore, MD 21275-8954

Checklist of Documents Needed for Application

Please be sure your application includes the following:

- Work History/Resume indicating at least 7 years of experience in the pest control industry. Resume must include your job title, job description, company address, supervisors contact information, and employment dates.

- Copy of your current state pesticide applicator license(s)

- Reference (see previous page)

- Fees (see above)