

# 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
- 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)
- Signature on the ACE Code of Ethics
- 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](http://www.entocert.org); for information about review courses, contact the ESA Certification Corporation at [ace@entocert.org](mailto:ace@entocert.org).



# ACE Application

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### Contact Information

Prefix (Mr., Mrs., Miss, Dr., Col.): \_\_\_\_\_ Informal/Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_

Last/Surname/Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First/Birthname: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer/Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Country Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Include Country Code for Non-US only

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](http://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](http://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: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE TEAR HERE

## 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](http://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](http://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)

### Retesting

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

### ESA Membership – calendar year 2014 membership

(see [www.entsoc.org/join](http://www.entsoc.org/join))

\$355/ESA member

\$395/Non-ESA member

\$50/ESA member

\$75/Non-ESA member

**\$10/ACE applicants** (while quantities last)

\$59/Regular Price

\$144

**Total enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Charged: \_\_\_\_\_

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)