

Certification Board Announces **NEW** Accelerated Certification Cycle

To participate in this New Accelerated Certification Cycle the Candidate must have at least Five (5) Years of Estimating Experience, agree to be accountable submitting their tech paper promptly and locating the proctor for their exams. Candidates who wish to write questions and problems to meet the DST requirement are not eligible for the accelerated cycle.

To obtain Certified Professional Estimator (CPE) status in the accelerated cycle is mostly dependant upon the candidates' ability to submit tech paper and turn around corrections to their tech paper and locate a suitable proctor. Given the time for SBO and the Board to complete the review and approvals process and reasonable shipping time it is conceivable that a candidate can obtain CPE status within 90 days.

The candidate must complete a Certification workshop application and forward to the SBO with a \$ 125.00 workshop fee. The Workshop application will be scanned to PDF and forwarded to Certification Board On-Line Workshop Coordinator who will in turn notify the Candidate of their being granted access to the On Line Workshop.

Once the Candidate completes the workshop they are eligible to submit a completed Professional Evaluation Form to the SBO along with the \$375.00 certification processing fee. When the SBO receives the Professional Evaluation it will be scanned into a PDF file and be forwarded to the Certification Board Members for review and approval. The Professional Evaluation Form will be returned to the SBO and the Technical Paper selection with the most votes will prevail as the Topic for the Candidates How to Estimate the Cost Of technical paper.

As soon as the Candidate completes the technical paper and sends it to the SBO, it will be scanned in a PDF file and forwarded to the Board members. If Board members are unable to review the paper within five (5) days they will forward it via email to CPE's within their respective region for review and comments.

All paper review comments will be returned to the SBO either via fax or email. The normal grading criteria will prevail and as soon as the Candidate has two passing grades they become eligible to sit for the GEK & DST.

It is the candidates' responsibility to locate a CPE to proctor the exams for them and to notify the SBO of the Proctors Name and the time and date set for the exams.

The SBO will forward the exams to the Proctor in time for the exams. Please be sure to allow at least three days for shipping.

Upon completion of the exams the Proctor will return them to SBO for grading. The test will be graded promptly and the Board will be notified of the results for determination of candidate status. If the candidate has successfully passed the required test they will be promptly notified and sent the appropriate certificate. Should the candidate be required to

retake a test they will be notified and as soon as the SBO is informed of the Proctor and the time and date of the exam the exam will be forwarded to the proctor. Here again please be sure to allow three days for the shipping of the testing materials. Upon completion of the retesting the proctor will return the exam materials to the SBO for grading and the Board will be notified of the results.

The candidate is allowed to fail one reading of the tech paper, fail the GEK once or fail the DST once. Three strikes and the candidate will have to reapply. Conceivably the candidate can fail any of the requirements once and still be successful.

All candidates are to completely read the exam instructions and sign acknowledgement that they have read the instructions.

For further information on the New Accelerated Cycle, contact Sue Parrish, Certification Coordinator, at Sueparrish@aspenational.org



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