

National Instruments Certification Program

Recertification Policy

Recertification is important for certified professionals and their employers as it demonstrates continued commitment in maintaining expertise with the product and continues to establish the certified professionals' presence as a product expert in the technical community. To keep certifications current, the certified individual should advance to take the next higher certification exam or recertify at the current level.

It is the responsibility of the certified individual to keep track of his or her certification status. The certified individual will not receive any reminders from National Instruments that the certification is about to expire. Certifications are valid for two years from the date of issue. The expiration date is indicated on the certificate and the cover letter that accompanies the certificate. Certification status can also be obtained by emailing a request to certification@ni.com.

The following section details updated certification status definitions that will take effect from October 15th 2004 and apply to Associate and Developer level certifications only.

Certification Status definitions:

- **Active:** The certification status that is achieved immediately after passing the certification exam. Active status is in effect for 2 years from the date of certification.
- **Suspended (Expired):** The certification status that results if a certified individual does not pass the recertification exam prior to the expiration date of the certification (2 years from date of issuance of certification).
 - If suspended, the person's name is removed from the list of certified professionals on the National Instruments web page.
 - Suspended status is cleared and changed to Active upon passing the recertification exam within a year of the date of suspension.
- **Inactive:** The certification status after one year of Suspended status. In order to regain Active status, an individual must repeat the entire certification process starting by taking the Associate Developer exam

Recertification Exam Details:

- One hour, multiple-choice questions, closed book exam
- Unlimited attempts to take the exam
- Exam cost: \$195
- Scheduled by and taken at a Pearson Vue testing center (www.vue.com)
- **Note:** An authorization code will be required to register for a recertification exam. This can be obtained by emailing a request to certification@ni.com.