

NICET Logo and Mark Usage Requirements Handbook

Policy and Procedures on the Usage Requirements of NICET Logos and Marks by NICET Stakeholders

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1. Overview

The National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies (NICET) is an autonomous division of the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE) a 501(c)(6) nonprofit organization. NICET manages and administers the Fire Alarm System (FAS) certification program along with many others.

The Fire Alarm Systems certification program was designed for engineering technicians working in the fire alarm industry who engage in a combination of the following fire alarm systems activities: system layout (plan preparation), system equipment selection, system installation, system acceptance testing, system troubleshooting, system servicing, and system technical sales. Technical areas covered include applicable codes and standards, types of detectors and signaling systems, supervision requirements, power requirements, building/space structure and occupancy considerations, and basic electricity and electronics.

The Fire Alarm Systems certification program consists of four levels – Levels I – IV. Successful candidates must pass an exam or exams, complete a work history description that documents and meets specific industry related experience, successfully perform key role-specific activities, and obtain a personal recommendation (Levels III and IV). Once earned, certification must be maintained through Continuing Professional Development (CPD) and recertified every three years.

This Handbook explains how NICET stakeholders may use NICET logos and marks.

Certification Holders and other interested parties can find this Handbook at <https://www.nicet.org/about-us/certification-mark-and-logo-use/>

You may share this Handbook with professional colleagues, but it must be kept in its original form.

2. Applicability

This Handbook applies to NICET Certification holders and to people or organizations that have a formal agreement with NICET and use, or plan to use, a NICET logo or mark to identify or promote NICET or their professional connection with NICET.

3. Types of Logos and Marks, and Appropriate Use

NICET uses five main logo types: main NICET logo, certification marks, support logo, recognized training logo and program logos.

NSPE d.b.a. NICET owns the logos, name and text marks discussed in this Handbook. NICET may allow certain business partners, organizations, and individuals to use these marks or logos, but only for approved purposes through a formal agreement. Permission to use the NICET Logo or Text marks cannot be transferred, assigned, or extended to anyone else.

NICET Logos or Text marks may not be used in a way that could harm NICET's reputation, mislead others, or suggest approval that NICET has not given.

The NICET Logo is available in several file formats. (e.g., .ai, .eps, .gif, .jpg, .png.)

To request a logo file, please email support@nicet.org.

Additionally, in compliance with **Policy 28: Seals and Stamps** (<https://www.nicet.org/about-us/policies/policy28/>), The use of any seal or stamp conveying the full NICET name, logo or certification mark on technical documents or drawings prepared, checked or reviewed by a NICET certificant is not authorized by NICET.

A. National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies (NICET) Logo



The NICET logo is restricted to official use and may not be reproduced, published, or publicly displayed without the permission of NICET.

NICET Trademark and Copyright Protection (Policy 34)

<https://www.nicet.org/about-us/policies/policy34/>

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B. National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies Certification Mark



The NICET Certified Mark is reserved for use by NICET certified individuals with an active status only. Any display of the NICET Certified Mark must also include the following information about the corresponding NICET-certified person:

Name
Certification Number
Subfield
Level and/or Grade

NICET accepts an obligation to its certificate holders, their employers, authorities having jurisdiction, and the public at large to protect the integrity and value of the NICET Certification Mark by controlling its usage. NICET maintains a registry of its certificants and enforces the rules governing the uses of its name and mark(s).

May not be modified beyond appropriate sizing and shall not appear larger or more prominent than the host's own logo or mark.

C. NICET Support Logo and Statement



**We support
and encourage
NICET
certification**

The NICET Support Statement may be used by anyone who recognizes the importance of NICET certification and is committed to developing and maintaining a qualified workforce.

The NICET Support Statement includes the NICET round logo and the statement "We support and encourage NICET certification." The size, format and location of the statement may be changed to meet specific design needs, but it must always be linked to the NICET round logo as a single element.

Employers of NICET certified individuals, specifiers, government agencies, and others may use the NICET Support Statement to promote NICET certification and market their company's or organization's dedication to quality and technical competency. The Support Statement may be reproduced on web sites, company letterhead, promotional materials, and other printed matter as appropriate.

D. NICET Program Logo – Fire Alarm Systems



NICET program logos are restricted to official use and may not be reproduced, published, or publicly displayed without the permission of NICET.

E. NICET Recognized Training Logo



The NICET Recognized Training logo may only be used by authorized recognized training providers with a valid agreement with NICET.

4. Protection of Logos and Corrective Measures of Misuse

This section explains how NICET protects the logos and representations of certification from improper and misleading use.

A. Certificate and Representation of Certification

NICET logos and representation of certification appears on the official certificate and other formats for all Certification Holders. Certification Applicants must complete the applicable Certification Application Form, including a formal agreement that says the applicant agrees to:

1. Follow the applicable requirements of the certification scheme.
2. Make certification claims only for the scope of certification that NICET has granted.
3. Avoid using the certification in a way that could harm the organization's reputation or make misleading or unauthorized statements.
4. Stop making certification claims if the certification is suspended or withdrawn and return any certificates that were issued.
5. Use the certificate only in a clear and accurate way.
6. Follow the most current policies in this Handbook.
7. Understand that violating these terms may lead to immediate certification suspension or withdrawal and will require the person to stop using the Certification Logo and Mark.

B. Suspension and Withdrawal of Certification

If a person's certification is suspended, they must stop using any NICET Logo, certificate, or representation of certification immediately and through the suspension period. If the certification is reinstated during the suspension period, they may begin using the marks again. If the certification is not reinstated, the certification status changes to withdrawn.

If a person's certification is withdrawn, they must stop using any NICET Logo, certificate, or representation of certification in any format as soon as they are notified

C. Complaints

NICET will respond and follow-up on all complaints of NICET logo or certification representation misuse. NICET will follow its internal complaint process in accordance with Policy 1: Complaints Against Applicants and

Certificants with Disciplinary Guidelines (<https://www.nicet.org/about-us/policies/policy1/>) to review the issue and decide on the appropriate disciplinary action and corrective measures.

D. Brand Protection Monitoring

NICET, on a quarterly basis, completes the following to proactively identify companies, organizations, and individuals misusing NICET logos, certification representations, and improper implications of affiliation:

1. Reverse image lookup of NICET logos.
2. Standard web search to identify publicly visible misuse, such as:
 - Companies displaying the NICET logo on their websites without authorization.
 - Organizations using the NICET logo in marketing materials in ways that violate your logo policy.
 - Images of NICET certificates that appear to have been altered or fabricated.
 - Claims of NICET certification that do not match public records (when verifiable).
 - Social media posts that improperly use the NICET logo or certification marks.
 - Online marketplaces selling counterfeit certificates, wallets cards, or merchandise.
 - Job advertisements or training companies implying an endorsement or partnership that does not exist.
3. Review a sampling of websites and social media of newly certified individuals, companies employing newly certified individuals and individuals that are no longer certified.

E. Corrective Measures

All incidents are recorded in the Complaint Tracking sheet. Corrective actions may include:

1. Sending the offender a formal cease and desist notice about the NICET Logo and certification representation misuse.
2. Ending the partnership if allowed under the formal agreement with the partner.
3. Taking legal action against the partner, organization, business, or individual.