



NICET Technologist Application Instructions

General Instructions/Procedures

Technologist certification is intended for individuals who have graduated from an engineering technology bachelor's degree program accredited by the Technology Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (TAC/ABET).

What do I need to submit?

Application materials include a three-part application form and a college transcript. To apply for the:

AT grade, you must submit:

- Part I (Applicant Information)
- An official transcript showing the name of the baccalaureate degree, the curriculum completed, and the date of graduation.

CT grade, you must submit:

- Part I (Applicant Information)
- Part II (Work History) detailing at least 5 years of engineering technologist level work experience acquired after graduation
- Part III (Endorsement – two required)
- An official transcript showing the name of the baccalaureate degree, the curriculum completed, and the date of graduation. (This is not required if you were previously certified at the AT grade.)

Make a copy of everything you send to NICET and keep it in your testing/certification records.

Note that **your name and identification number must appear on every page** of your application.

Where do I mail the application?

Mail your completed application form with payment to:

**NICET
c/o SUNTRUST Bank
P.O. Box 79439
Baltimore, MD 21279-0439**

Where should the transcript be mailed?

For initial technologist certification, you must have the institution that granted your engineering technology baccalaureate degree send to NICET an official transcript showing the name of the baccalaureate degree, the curriculum completed, and the date of graduation. This transcript should be mailed to:

NICET
1420 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

When will I hear from NICET?

Upon receiving all supporting application materials (transcript, work history, and/or endorsements, as required for the grade), NICET will begin the evaluation process. About two months later, you will receive either your certificate and approval letter/wallet card or a “conditional decision letter” explaining which criteria remain unmet.

When a candidate responds to a conditional decision letter with additional materials, these are again placed in the queue for evaluation. Evaluation of these materials is generally completed within 60 days of receipt.

Part I: Applicant Information

Part I must be submitted with any application. You may also use it to notify NICET of changes in your name or address.

Section 1: Personal Information

Please provide the requested identification, address, prior certification, and education information. Indicate whether NICET should mail correspondence (letters, score reports, certificates, etc.) to your home or to your business address. Your email address will be used for some correspondence, but not for official documents such as certificates, wallet cards, etc.

P.S. – Don't forget to add us to your list of organizations to be notified if your address should change!

Section 2: Objectives

Tell us which type of initial certification or upgrade you are requesting.

Section 3: Applicant's Statement of Understanding

To ensure that you understand some important conditions of certification, NICET requires that you read and sign the Statement of Understanding after reading the "Conditions of Application for Technologists" on the next page of these instructions.

Payment

You must include the Application Review Fee with your application. Please make a check/money order payable to NICET or provide the requested credit card information. For current fees, visit the NICET website (www.nicet.org) or contact NICET staff (cert@nicet.org or 888-476-4238, press "3").

Conditions of Application for Technologists

By signing your name at the end of Section 3, "Applicant's Statement of Understanding", you are acknowledging that you have read, understood, and you accept the following conditions. Your application will not be processed without your signature.

I UNDERSTAND THAT:

1. NICET's certification decisions and interactions with applicants are governed by established policies and procedures. Each applicant, by signing the "Applicant's Statement of Understanding" in Part I of the Application, accepts and agrees to follow these policies and procedures. NICET's policies and procedures are available from NICET's Website or NICET staff.
2. The NICET fees, rules, and procedures for applicants and certificants are posted on the NICET website. Those who do not have access to the Internet must obtain the information from NICET (A nominal fee may be charged.). NICET's fees, policies, and procedures are subject to change without notice. Such changes, along with dates for their implementation, will be posted on the website as early as possible.
3. On a prescribed date, or upon publication of a new version of any program description, form, policy, procedure, or fee, all previous versions are considered obsolete. The effective date for each will be printed on the appropriate document.
4. The NICET name and logo are the property of NICET and may not be used without written permission.
5. Each applicant, candidate for certification, or certification holder is responsible for informing NICET of any address or name changes in a timely manner in order to receive correspondence and, if certified, registry and recertification invoices and applications, the NICET Newsletter, and proper representation in the NICET registry of certificants.
6. NICET certification is open to all individuals residing and/or working in the United States and its territories and to certain others living outside the United States who meet the certification criteria.
7. NICET certification does not constitute a license to practice engineering.
8. There are multiple criteria for each NICET technologist certification: typically college graduation, work history, and endorsement requirements. These criteria are described on the NICET website and all must be met to achieve certification.
9. The criteria for certification in any particular area are subject to updating or revision without notice. A schedule indicating when candidates must meet the new criteria in order to become certified will be published, along with the criteria themselves, on the NICET website.
10. Once initial certification is obtained, an annual registry fee must be paid at the end of each of the first two years of certification to maintain Active Status. A certificate must be in Active Status to be included in NICET's registry of currently certified individuals; to be upgraded by the certificant to a higher level (through evaluation of additional materials); or to receive the NICET Newsletter. If registry fees are not paid on time, late fees will be incurred.
11. At the end of the initial three-year period, and every third year thereafter, the certification will expire. Several months before expiration, each certificant will be sent a recertification application. Maintaining Active Status will then depend upon meeting the requirements set forth in NICET's Policy # 30, "Continuing Professional Development", and paying the recertification processing fee. No additional registry fees will be incurred.
12. If a recertification application with payment of all fees owed is not received by NICET prior to the expiration date, the certificate will expire. Reinstatement to Active Status will involve an additional fee. If reinstatement has not occurred three years after the expiration date, all certificates and evaluation records will be purged from the NICET database. (If my expiration date is 12/02, for example, then I have until December 1, 2005 to reinstate my certification(s) before all my records are deleted.) At that point, certification can be regained only by reapplying as a new applicant and meeting the current certification criteria.

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RETAIN THESE CONDITIONS FOR YOUR RECORDS

Part II: Technologist Work History

The purpose of this form is to provide NICET with information about your work experience since receiving your engineering technology baccalaureate degree. Your write-up will be evaluated against the current criteria for the grade of CT (Certified Engineering Technologist). If sufficient experience is lacking, or if sufficient detail has not been provided, you will be sent a letter requesting the additional information.

No work experience is required for certification at the AT grade.

Certification at the CT grade requires at least 5 years of acceptable engineering technologist level work experience acquired after graduation.

If you have previously submitted a complete and detailed work history to NICET, then you need submit an additional history only if requested by NICET.

Make several copies of this blank form. A separate page should be used for each position held.

Complete all blocks of information. Each piece of information has a role in the certification process.

What is a “position?” Every time your employer or job title changes, you have a new position and must complete a separate copy of the form. For example, if you move from the AAA Company to the XYZ Company, then you have taken a new position. Similarly, if you stay at the same company but your title changes from Technologist I to Technologist II, then you have a new position that should be reported separately.

What is a “responsibility?” Each position carries with it several areas of responsibility. They may be technical, administrative, or supervisory; they may be complex, involving the completion of many specific tasks, or relatively simple. All responsibilities should be listed, whether or not they are directly related to the certification subfield.

Descriptions of responsibilities: Provide the details of what kind of work you are actually doing to fulfill each area of responsibility. What types of systems/structures/materials do you work with and what do you do with each? What work teams are you a part of and what is your role in each?

Percentage of time allocated to each responsibility: Indicate what percentage of your total time spent in this position was allocated to performing the work involved in each responsibility. The sum of the percentages written in for all responsibilities listed on the form should equal 100%.

Keep a copy of your completed work history (send original to NICET). Besides being a useful record for future interactions with NICET, a carefully prepared work history is a valuable career development tool.

If sent in **separately** from your certification application (Part I), this form may be mailed to:

NICET
1420 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Part III: Endorsement

This endorsement is used by NICET as a current evaluation of overall competence and professional character and is valid for one year from the date of the endorser's signature.

Two current endorsements are required for certification at the CT (Certified Engineering Technologist) grade. No endorsements are required at the AT grade.

This form must be completed by professionals who are familiar with the technical capabilities and background of the applicant and can attest to the quantity and quality of the applicant's work experience. NICET prefers endorsements by licensed professional engineers, registered land surveyors, or NICET-certified engineering technologists, but will also accept endorsements by other professionals such as graduate engineers, scientists, senior technologists, or responsible regulatory officials.

Endorsements may NOT be submitted by relatives of the applicant.

Section 1: Applicant's Statement

The applicant must read, sign, and date this statement. A full statement of NICET's Policy # 2 may be found on the policies page of the NICET website.

Sections 2, 3, 4, and 5 are to be completed by the endorser.

Section 2: Endorser's Personal Information

This section requests information about the identification and qualifications of the endorser.

Section 3: Endorser's Relationship with Applicant

This section asks how well the endorser knows the applicant's work practices.

Section 4: Evaluation of Applicant

The endorser provides a general assessment of the applicant's career path (To what extent is it that of an engineering technologist?), and of several important qualities and strengths that are relevant to an evaluation of competency and working character.

Section 5: Endorser's Statement

The endorser must read, sign, and date the statement.

Mailing the form

NICET requires the original endorsement (not a photocopy or fax) for its records.

If sent in separately from a certification application (Part I), this form may be mailed to:

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NICET TECHNOLOGIST APPLICATION FORM

Part I: Applicant Information

Section 1- Personal Information (Please Print Clearly or Type)

A	B
<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> Last Name First Name Middle Initial </div> Home Address: _____ Street _____ Apt. _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Social Security Number _____ Home Phone _____ <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-left: 20px;"> Area Code Number </div> E-mail _____ May NICET use your e-mail address to contact you? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no To which address should NICET mail all correspondence? <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Business	Present Employer: _____ Business Address: _____ Company Name _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Present Position Title: _____ Work Phone _____ <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-left: 20px;"> Area Code Number Ext. </div> Cell Phone _____ <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-left: 20px;"> Area Code Number </div> Fax _____ <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-left: 20px;"> Area Code Number </div>

C. Has your last name changed since you submitted your last application? no yes, former last name _____

D. Please check off either box below that applies to you:

I hold a NICET technician certificate. Technician certification #: _____

I hold a NICET technologist certificate. Technologist certification #: _____

E. A bachelor's degree from a TAC/ABET-accredited engineering technology program is required for Technologist certification:

Degree _____ Date conferred _____

Institution _____ City/State _____

Section 2 – Objectives

I am applying for:

- initial certification as an Associate Engineering Technologist (AT)
- initial certification as a Certified Engineering Technologist (CT)
- an upgrade from Associate Engineering Technologist (AT) to Certified Engineering Technologist (CT)

Section 3 - Applicant's Statement of Understanding

(Your signature and the date must appear after the following statement; otherwise this application will not be accepted.)

I certify that all information given on my application and any supporting materials is correct, factual, and complete. I understand that any misrepresentation of information can result in the rejection of this application or the revocation of any certificate NICET has issued in my name. Further, I certify that I have read and understood the instructions for this application and that I have read, understood, and I accept the conditions set forth in the "Conditions of Application for Technologists".

Signature _____

Date _____

Application Review Fee

A check/money order or credit card information must be enclosed with any certification application. Fees are listed on our Website, www.nicet.org, or can be obtained by calling 888-476-4238 or 703-548-1518. Payments may be deductible under applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (i.e., as educational or business expenses); however, payments are not deductible as charitable expenses. The application review fee is non-refundable.

You must enter a payment in box

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

- Check/Money Order attached (payable to NICET)
- Charge to: ___ Visa ___ MasterCard ___ Discover
- Card No. _____ Expiration Date _____
- Signature _____

Application Review Fee is non-refundable

NICET OFFICE USE ONLY

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Name: _____ Social Security Number: _____

NICET Technologist Application, Part III: Endorsement

(Please print clearly or type)

NICET will not accept duplicated or faxed copies of this form.

Section 1 –Applicant’s Statement

I understand NICET Policy #2, Section D, “Improper Personal Recommendations,” and I realize that NICET may suspend or revoke an applicant’s certification(s) if it is determined that an endorsement contains intentional misrepresentations.

Signature of Applicant _____

Date _____

This form expires one year after being signed by the endorser.

The endorser must complete the remainder of this form.

Section 2 –Endorser’s Personal Information

NICET will not accept endorsement forms that are completed by relatives of the applicant.

This form must be completed by professionals who are familiar with the technical capabilities and background of the applicant and can attest to the quantity and quality of the applicant’s work experience. NICET prefers endorsements by licensed professional engineers, registered land surveyors, or NICET-certified engineering technologists, but will also accept endorsements by other professionals such as graduate engineers, scientists, senior technologists, or responsible regulatory officials.

Name _____ Phone Number (_____) _____

Position Title _____

Company Name _____

My highest degree is _____ in _____ field from _____ school

I am (registered, certified, licensed) as _____ by _____

Registration/Certification/License Number: _____ Date granted: _____

Describe your technical background:

Section 3 – Endorser’s Relationship with Applicant

I am (very well, reasonably well) qualified to evaluate the applicant's character, abilities, and accomplishments.

I have known the applicant for a period of _____ years and _____ months through:

____ association within the company ____ association through contracting activities

____ association through professional activities ____ other: _____

Describe your professional relationship with the applicant:



Name: _____ Social Security Number: _____

NICET Technologist Application, Part III - Endorsement, continued

Section 4 – Endorser’s Evaluation of Applicant

NICET uses Endorsements to help evaluate applicants’ qualifications for certification. The Institute wishes to certify only those technicians and technologists whose character, ethics, and technical competency promote the engineering technology industry. In your appraisal of the applicant, please provide the following information completely and honestly.

A. Use the definitions below to classify the applicant’s work:

Engineering Technology is that part of the technological field which requires the application of scientific and engineering knowledge and methods combined with technical skills in support of engineering activities; it lies in the occupational spectrum between the craftsman and the engineer, at the end of the spectrum closest to the engineer. (In current usage, engineering technology embraces the practice of both the engineering technologist and the engineering technician.)

An **Engineering Technologist** is a member of the engineering team, who by reason of his or her knowledge and applications of the well-established mathematical, physical science, engineering principles, and methods of technological problem-solving, acquired by engineering technology education and engineering technology experience, is qualified to practice engineering technology. The engineering technologist will have earned a baccalaureate degree in engineering technology and will have a thorough knowledge of the equipment, applications, and established state-of-the-art design and problem-solving methods in a particular practice area.

The applicant is (was) clearly doing technologist-level work (as opposed to technician-level work). yes no

If not, please explain, in your opinion, why the work was not at the technologist level:

B. On a scale of 1 to 5, please rate the applicant in the following qualities and strengths:

	poor 1	below average 2	average 3	above average 4	excellent 5	Inadequate opportunity to observe
1) honest, ethical work habits	___	___	___	___	___	___
2) mastery of the fundamental knowledge of the field	___	___	___	___	___	___
3) common sense in solving problems	___	___	___	___	___	___
4) ability to quickly learn new and complex ideas	___	___	___	___	___	___
5) ability to communicate clearly	___	___	___	___	___	___
6) leadership abilities/supervisory skills	___	___	___	___	___	___
7) sense of responsibility	___	___	___	___	___	___
8) initiative	___	___	___	___	___	___

C. Additional remarks about the applicant's technical knowledge and achievements:

Section 5 – Endorser’s Statement

I attest that all information I have provided is, to the best of my knowledge, true. I understand that falsifying information on this form can affect my right to serve as an endorser, recommender, or verifier for other NICET certification candidates and can result in my own NICET certifications being revoked.

Name of Endorser (please print)

Signature of Endorser

Date

This form expires one year after being signed by the endorser.

Incomplete endorsement forms will not be accepted by NICET.

**If not sent with the application, please mail this form to:
NICET, 1420 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-2794**