

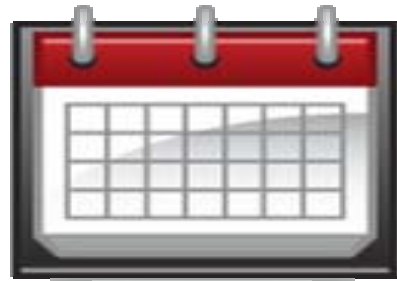
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Recertification

As with any training and certification program, without proper maintenance or refresher experiences and/or courses, the knowledge learned quickly atrophies. Therefore, SCEA provides a recertification process that values cost experience, knowledge sharing and attainment, and participation in and service to the Society and the cost community.

Award of the CCEA designation is valid for a five year duration. All practitioners have the option of either participating in the recertification process through the collection of points or retaking the CCEA examination to recertify upon expiration of certification.

Recertification through points is attained by submitting an application, which details the accomplishments and knowledge sustainment over the preceding five year period, and supporting documentation, to the Director of Certification via the SCEA/ISPA Joint Office.



Applicants may schedule to take the examination on pre-designated dates posted on the SCEA website or schedule a special testing date by contacting the National Office.

For more information, visit us at....

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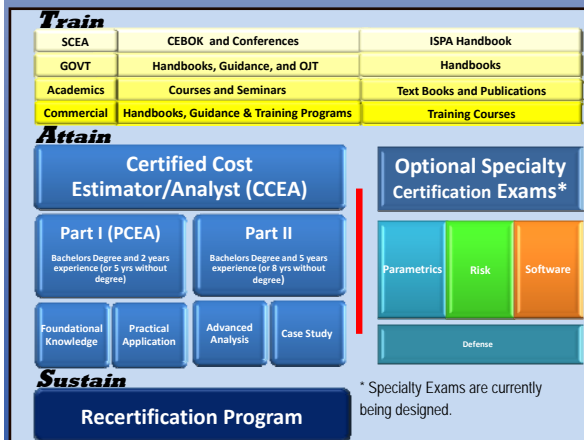
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Program
Summary*



Certification Program for award of Certified Cost Estimator/Analyst (CCEA)

Certification Program

The Certification Program is designed to offer members and non-members a professional credential to assure both the practitioner and the employer of an individual's ability to produce accurate cost estimates and analyses. Because cost estimating and analysis is a profession that combines the understanding of an array of disciplines, the mastery of cost skills and techniques requires a solid foundation of cost knowledge woven together with a variety of cost experiences. The chart below depicts SCEA's professional Certification Program, which is comprised of a two-tier examination leading to award of the CCEA designation, optional specialty designations, and a sustainment or recertification process.



Program Standards

Eligibility. To qualify for the Professional Cost Estimator/Analyst (PCEA) or the Certified Cost Estimator/Analyst (CCEA) examinations, an individual must meet the educational and experience requirements shown below:

Designation/Credential	Educational Requirement	Experience Requirement	Educational Exception
PCEA	Bachelor's Degree in any field from an accredited college	Minimum of 2 years of cost experience, but less than five	If individual does not have a Bachelor's Degree, evidence of 5 years of cost experience must be provided.
CCEA	Bachelor's Degree in any field from an accredited college	5 years of cost experience	If individual does not have a Bachelor's Degree, then must demonstrate 8 years of cost experience.

Body of Knowledge. The SCEA Body of Knowledge covers all knowledge required to be a proficient cost estimator and analyst. For each certification exam, a list of Testable Topics is derived to ensure that both the test maker and test taker are mutually aware of the expectations of the particular exam.

Examinations

Within the one CCEA program there are two examinations: Part I (PCEA) and Part II. If Part I is passed and the individual has more than two but less than five years of experience, the PCEA designation will be awarded. Once Part II is also passed and the appropriate experience requirements have been met, the CCEA designation will be awarded.

The examination format thoroughly tests an individual's cost knowledge, application and abilities by directly testing against the CCEA Testable Topics List. The CCEA examination also includes a case study, in which applicants are rewarded for their ability to synthesize responses from multiple on-the-job learning experiences.

Training Resources

The Cost Estimating Body of Knowledge (CEBoK) is a comprehensive training program to teach and quiz an individual on the most pertinent cost topics that support thorough cost analysis. Because the CEBoK and the CCEA programs are founded on the same body of knowledge and testable topics, CEBoK is recommended as an excellent resource for preparing for the CCEA examination. CEBoK is also a valuable desktop resource.

