

# **N.A.T.E. Recertification**

**Question:** How long does recertification last?

**Answer:** Recertification, like the technician's initial certification, is valid for five years.

**Example:** *Ralph's certification for Air Conditioning Service expires in December 2002. In December he submits proof of thirty five hours of NATE-Recognized training and continuing education. He takes and passes the 50-question short version of the current specialty test. His certification is renewed and he is given a new wallet card with an expiration date of December 2007.*

**Question:** Why do I have to recertify?

**Answer:** Technicians are certified by NATE for a period of five years starting with the date shown on their wallet card when their certification became valid. It remains valid for five years from that anniversary date. Renewing certification proves that technicians possess current industry-related knowledge required to properly perform their job.

**Example:** *People expect automotive technicians to know how to work on their new automobile—and they expect the same of the HVACR technician. If a technician was certified thirty years ago, computers and front wheel drive vehicles were not standard then—but on many of today's vehicles, front wheel drive and on-board computer systems are common. Customers expect HVACR technicians to be knowledgeable, and knowledge is forever moving forward.*

**Question:** When do I have to recertify?

**Answer:** Few certifications a technician can earn last forever. NATE-certified technicians must recertify within five years of the NATE specialty certification expiration date shown on their wallet card (located opposite the title of each certification they hold). Each specialty will have its own date. However, because the recertification process includes several options for recertification, you should allow sufficient time to submit and receive return notification so your certification does not lapse.

**Example:** *Bill's wallet card has June 2003 on it—that means Bill's certification expires in that month and must be renewed by the date shown in June 2003.*

**Question:** Is there a period of grace for expiration?

**Answer:** No. Upon reaching the expiration date, the technician no longer holds valid NATE certification.

**Question:** I hold multiple specialties. Do I recertify for all of them at the same time, even though they were earned at different dates?

**Answer:** No. You recertify every five-years for each certification you hold by the date that expiration anniversary is reached. The month and year your certification for each specialty expires is shown on your NATE wallet card.

**Example:** *Bill holds certification in two areas: heat pump and air distribution. He took the core and heat pump service specialties in June 1999. In December 2000, he added air distribution. He must recertify for heat pump by the June 2004 expiration date, and air distribution by December 2005 expiration date.*

**Question:** How can I recertify?

**Answer:** Choose one of the three following options to recertify.

**1. CONTINUING EDUCATION:** A technician submits proof of sixty or more hours of NATE-recognized training in the five year period (60 months, called the "window") which started with the month and year of each certification shown on the wallet card. Technicians completing sixty or more hours of NATE-recognized training that apply to their specialty should file the documentation paperwork proving what training was taken. Technicians file the documentation with NATE before their expiration anniversary, allowing four to six weeks for review. Upon a satisfactory review of that paperwork, the technician is recertified for a five-year period and is issued a new wallet card.

**2. CONTINUING EDUCATION WITH TESTING:** A technician who has taken less than sixty hours but at least thirty hours of NATE-recognized training during the five year (60 month) window can earn recertification by passing a short 50-question recertification test. The technician should file paperwork with NATE verifying the training, he or she may take a specialty "short" fifty question version of the NATE specialty test. If the technician desires, he may opt to take the 100-question specialty test to recertify instead of filing continuing education class documentation.

**3. TESTING:** Technicians who have taken less than thirty hours of NATE-recognized training in the five year window must take the current NATE-ACE certification test to renew each specialty.

**Example:** *Joe has taken many courses in the last five years from different manufacturers. Upon checking, he discovers that they amount to eighty-four hours of training. However, only fifty-five are NATE-recognized courses. He cannot recertify without taking a specialty test of some length. He has more than thirty hours, so he can take the "short" version (see CONTINUING EDUCATION WITH TESTING) if he files his paperwork. If Joe decides not to file his paperwork, he must take the current 100-question specialty test and pass it to recertify (see TESTING).*

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** To recertify, a technician must score at least a 70% (35 of 50, or 70 of 100 questions) on any exam taken. Recertifying candidates never have to re-take the core, only the specialty test. Technicians who allow their certifications to lapse will have to re-take both Core and Specialty exams.

**Question:** Where can I recertify?

**Answer:** If you choose CONTINUING EDUCATION as an option, you can recertify from home by collecting the needed information and completing the continuing education form. Submit the completed form to NATE. If you need to take a recertification test, you may take it from any NATE Testing Organization, i.e., from the same place(s) you would take a regular NATE test.

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**Many of the classes Butch teaches for B/Y are now NATE recognized for recertification credit.**

**See the following list of 20 classes.**

Other classes offered by Butch through Behler-Young are not recognized for recertification credit. NATE says they will be adding a Hydronics specialty in the future. That addition will likely make **Hot Water Boiler Operations, Steam Boiler Operations, and Hot Water Boiler Schematics** available for NATE recognition as well.

Business/sales classes such as **Determining Your Selling Price, Business Survival and Growth, and Estimating Operating Costs** are not available for NATE recognition.

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<b>Course Name NATE Course Number</b>	<b>Recertification Hours</b>	<b>Recertification Hours Apply To These Certifications</b>
<b>Air Conditioning I</b> 1065-0001	7	ACAI, ACAS, ADAI, ADAS
<b>Air Conditioning II</b> 1065-0002	7	ACAI, ACAS, ADAI, ADAS, GSAI, GSAS
<b>Air Conditioning III</b> 1065-0003	7	ACAI, ACAS, ADAI, ADAS
<b>Basic Electricity I</b> 1065-0004	6	ACAI, ACAS, ADAI, ADAS, GSAI, GSAS
<b>Basic Electricity II</b> 1065-0005	7	ACAI, ACAS, ADAI, ADAS, GSAI, GSAS, HPAI, HPAS, OLAS, OLAI
<b>Carbon Monoxide (Silent Killer)</b> 1065-0006	3	GSAI, GSAS, OLAI, OLAS
<b>Compressor Diagnosis</b> 1065-0007	3	ACAI, ACAS, ADAI, ADAS, HPAS, HPAI
<b>Critical A/C Charging</b> 1065-0008	3	ACAI, ACAS, ADAI, ADAS
<b>Critical Furnace Setup</b> 1065-0009	3	GSAI, GSAS
<b>Fuel Gas Code</b> 1065-0014	7	GSAI, GSAS
<b>Gas Heating</b> 1065-0010	7	GSAI, GSAS
<b>Heat Exchanger Diagnosis</b> 1065-0011	3	GSAI, GSAS
<b>Hot Surface &amp; Spark Ignition</b> 1065-0012	8	GSAI, GSAS
<b>HVAC Schematics</b> 1065-0013	7	ACAI, ACAS, ADAI, ADAS, GSAI, GSAS, OLAS, OLAI
<b>Mechanical Code</b> 1065-0015	7	ACAI, ACAS, ADAI, ADAS, GSAI, GSAS, HPAI, HPAS, OLAS, OLAI
<b>Oil Burner Troubleshooting</b> 1065-0016	7	OLAS, OLAI
<b>Psychrometrics</b> 1065-0017	5	ACAI, ACAS, ADAI, ADAS, GSAI, GSAS, HPAI, HPAS

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<b>Rooftop Unit Troubleshooting</b> 1065-0018	7	ACAI, ACAS, GSAI, GSAS
<b>Safety</b> 1065-0020	3	ACAI, ACAS, ADAI, ADAS, GSAI, GSAS, HPAI, HPAS, OLAS, OLAI
<b>Venting</b> 1065-0019	3	GSAI, GSAS, OLAS, OLAI

Certification Codes:

**ACAS**= Air Conditioning (Air) Service

**ADAS**=Air Distribution (Air) Service

**GSAS**= Gas Heating (Air) Service

**HPAS**=Heat Pump (Air) Service

**OLAS**= Oil Heating (Air) Service

**ACAI**= Air Conditioning (Air) Installation

**ADAI**= Air Distribution (Air) Installation

**GSAI**= Gas Heating (Air) Installation

**HPAI**= Heat Pump (Air) Installation

**OLAI**= Oil Heating (Air) Installation