

# Professional Certification Through STC



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Professionalism and commitment to technical communication have a whole new look! For the first time ever, STC Certification (the STCC mark) is available to qualified applicants.

## Eligibility for Certification

- Proof of degree in a **specified** field<sup>1</sup> plus at least **three years** of technical communication experience, OR
- Proof of degree in a **related** field<sup>2</sup> plus at least **four years** of technical communication experience, OR
- High school diploma (or the global equivalent) plus at least **five years** of technical communication experience

**Note:** Applicants must attest to their degree and experience. Subject to verification.

**Degree level:** US—Bachelor's or above; Canada—Associate's in technical communication, otherwise bachelor's or above

## Certification Process

1. Send application with payment to STC office for processing and verification
2. Following instructions, submit a packet of samples, work artifacts, and commentaries
3. Your packet is evaluated by trained evaluators (under non-disclosure)
4. Results announced later this year (target is 60 days from receipt of packet)
5. Once awarded, certification is good for three years; continue your training and professional activity to maintain it

## Fee Schedule

To encourage as many people as possible to begin the certification process in 2011, we are offering special charter rates to everyone who applies by December 31, 2011

Fees (USD)	Charter Applicants (until 12/31/11)	STC Members (effective 1/1/12)	Non-Members (effective 1/1/12)
Application	\$99	\$99	\$125
Assessment	\$495	\$595	\$695
Maintenance (yearly fee)	\$49	\$49	\$69
Recertification (3 years)	No charge	No charge	No charge

**For more information about the STC Certification program and how to start the certification process, visit [www.stc.org/education/stc-certification](http://www.stc.org/education/stc-certification)**

<sup>1</sup> **Specified** fields (eligible with 3 years experience): Technical Communication, Information Design, Science Journalism, Professional Communication, Instructional (educational) Technology, Instructional Systems, Human-Computer Interaction (usability)

<sup>2</sup> **Related** fields (eligible with 4 years experience): English, Adult Education, Journalism (other than Science Journalism), Public Relations, Organizational Communications, Computer Science (with a human-computer interaction (usability) emphasis)