



# Certification at a Glance

## Certified Electrical Safety Worker (CESW)

**NOTE:** This document is intended to answer candidate FAQs. Full details are presented in the [Candidate Handbook](#).

### REFERENCE MATERIAL / BODY OF KNOWLEDGE

- *NFPA 70E Standard for Electrical Safety in the Workplace (2018)*
- NFPA 70E is available for purchase [here](#). (Select 2018 in the Edition dropdown)

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Attained a high school diploma or equivalent
- 40 hours NFPA 70E or other electrical safety training, within last 3 years, from: NFPA, IBEW, NECA, IEC, etc.
- Must be an electrician, electrical testing technician, or other electrical worker who has (one of the following):
  - 576+ hrs related instruction and 8,000 hrs (4 yrs) verifiable work experience with electrical power systems
  - 250+ hrs related instruction and 12,000 hrs (6 yrs) verifiable work experience with electrical power systems
  - Be a (NETA or equivalent) Level 3 or 4 Electrical Testing Technician in good standing

### HOW TO APPLY

- Complete the online application.
- Pay the \$350 initial exam fee.
- Submit required documents
- Allow 15 business days for review of your application.
- NFPA will email an authorization letter with exam scheduling instructions.
- Special accommodations are available, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS (proof of):

- 40 hours of electrical safety training,  
AND
  - 576+ instruction hours and 8,000 (verified) work hours,  
OR
  - 250+ instruction hours and 12,000 (verified) work hours,  
OR
  - NETA (or equivalent) Level 3 or 4 Electrical Testing Tech certificate in good standing

**NOTE:** If you do not provide all required documentation, your application will not be processed.

## **ABOUT THE EXAM**

- Proctored computer-based exam
- Open book
- 3-hours
- 110 multiple choice questions (100 are scored, 10 are being evaluated for future use)
- Available in English only
- You have 12 months, from the application approval date, to pass the exam.

## **EXAM PREPARATION TIPS**

- Become thoroughly familiar with NFPA 70E.
- Familiarity with the *NFPA 70E Handbook for Electrical Safety in the Workplace* (2018) recommended. (Available for purchase [here](#).)
- Review the CESW Exam Content Blueprint in the candidate handbook.
- NFPA offers optional training on NFPA 70E. More information on NFPA training solutions can be found at [www.nfpa.org/training-and-events](http://www.nfpa.org/training-and-events).

## **EXAM DAY**

- Valid ID must be presented at the test center.
- A print copy of *NFPA 70E Standard for Electrical Safety in the Workplace* and an approved calculator are the ONLY items allowed in the test room.
- Smart phones and other electronic devices are NOT PERMITTED.
- A preliminary (pass or fail) result is available upon completion of the exam.
- Formal results will be sent to you within 10-15 business days.

## **EXAM FAIL / RETEST**

- Submit retest application with the \$300.00 fee
- If needed, you may retest 2 additional times within 12-months of initial approval date
- Re-application is required after a third failed attempt.

## **CANCEL / RESCHEDULE POLICY**

- Refunds will not be issued for failure to appear for a scheduled exam.
- To reschedule, contact test delivery partner at least 5 days before the scheduled exam date.
- Reschedule fee is \$25.00

## **RECERTIFICATION**

- A \$150.00 recertification fee is required every 3 years.
- Submit the Summary of Recertification Points Form documenting 50 professional development points related to the electrical safety profession.
- Random audits are conducted up to 6 months from the recertification date.

## **USE OF THE CESW CREDENTIAL**

- Must maintain active certification status
- Certified may refer to themselves as a CESW credential holder
- CESW designation may be used after certified's name on business cards, personal letterhead, resumes, websites, and in their email signature.