

IEEE WCET® Certification Program Examination to be held 7 April ? 4 May 2013



The banner features a dark blue background with a subtle pattern of circuitry and data lines. On the left, there is a circular gold seal with 'WCET CERTIFICATION' and an image of two blue 'WCET Candidate's Handbook' books for 2013. To the right of the seal, the text 'IEEE WIRELESS COMMUNICATION ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGIES CERTIFICATION' is displayed in white. Below this, the main headline reads 'BOOST YOUR CAREER. IEEE WCET® Certification'. The 'Spring 2013 Application Deadline' is listed as '22 March 2013 by 23:59 UTC', and the 'Testing Window' is '7 April - 4 May 2013'. At the bottom right, it says 'Request A Candidate's Handbook' and provides the website 'WWW.IEEE-WCET.ORG'.

NEW YORK, NY (January 16, 2013) – The IEEE Communications Society (ComSoc), the leading worldwide professional organization dedicated to the advancement of communications technologies, will hold the next IEEE Wireless Communication Engineering Technologies (IEEE WCET®) Certification Exam from 7 April to 4 May 2013 at Prometric testing centers located worldwide. Eligible candidates are invited to visit www.ieee-wcet.org to learn about IEEE Wireless Communications Professional® (IEEE WCP) credential benefits and program news, gain access to the latest resource material, and complete registration applications, which are due by 22 March 2013.

The IEEE Communications Society (ComSoc), which recently observed its 60th year dedicated to the advance of communications worldwide, developed the IEEE WCET Program to address the international wireless industry's need for qualified individuals with real-world problem-solving skills. Launched under the guidance of Professional Examination Service (PES), a renowned professional credential developer, as well as international industry experts and experienced wireless practitioners, IEEE WCET has since become recognized worldwide as a vendor-neutral and transnational credential for demonstrating the wireless expertise of communications

professionals.

Through a globally based group of dedicated volunteers, the exam and its supported products and services are continuously improved and updated for currency and relevance. This includes the latest advances and developments in the areas of RF engineering, propagation, and antennas; access technologies; network and service architectures; network management and security; facilities infrastructure; agreements, standards, policies, and regulations; and fundamental knowledge.

To qualify for the IEEE WCET designation, candidates with a bachelor's or comparable degree from an accredited institution and at least three years of professional wireless engineering experience must pass the program's detailed comprehensive examination. Administered on computer at selected locations, the exam is composed of 150 multiple choice questions with each applicant given up to four hours to complete the exam. The US\$500 fee (\$450 for IEEE and IEEE ComSoc members) covers the application fee, processing, the "seat fee" for taking the test, scoring and score reporting, and a certificate sent to those who pass the exam. In addition, a 75 question online practice exam is also available for \$50 to provide prospective exam takers the opportunity to gauge their preparedness for the official IEEE WCET exam.

Other IEEE WCET resources include the second edition of A Guide to the Wireless Engineering Body of Knowledge (published by John Wiley & Sons), the ultimate reference on wireless technology; in addition to free subscriptions to the bi-monthly *IEEE Wireless Communications Professional electronic newsletter* and the new *2013 IEEE WCET Candidate Handbook*.

Furthermore, IEEE ComSoc now offers an ongoing series of online and in-person courses designed to not only help candidates prepare for upcoming exams, but also increase their overall knowledge of the wireless field. Additional information is available at www.comsoc.org/training. This includes the latest courses covering topics such as:

- Introduction to Professional Wireless Communications
- Wireless Communications Engineering – Current Practices
- LTE Fundamentals and Applications Voice Over LTE: Convergence of IMS-based Voice and LTE
- Machine-to-Machine (M2M) for Engineers & Managers
- Self Organizing Networks

For more information on the IEEE WCET program please visit www.ieee-wcet.org or contact Marilyn Catis at mcat@comsoc.org. Members of the IEEE WCET group on LinkedIn are afforded the ability to reach out to global colleagues and peers as well as learn about the latest IEEE WCET Program initiatives. Information is also available on Facebook and Twitter.

Founded in 1952, IEEE ComSoc, which has over 50,000 members and stands as the second largest of IEEE's 38 technical societies, is dedicated to utilizing the best talent, education and training to secure open career paths for individuals worldwide. Anyone interested in taking the IEEE WCET exam or participating in a ComSoc Training course should know that they are working with a world-accredited organization, which has been recognized as the premier intellectual resource of the communications industry for the past six decades.

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