



# ACORD Certified Expert

The ACORD Certified Expert program is a designation from ACORD showing that you have proven ACORD Standards implementation proficiency.

Whether you are new to ACORD Standards or have been an implementer for years, ACE after your name puts you in an elite class with a unique skill set.

Across the IT world, designations are a sign that you have a specific and certified set of skills. ACE is no different.

- **ACE Applicants**

An ACE certification shows your employer just what you know. It's a competitive marketplace, make sure you're prepared.

- **Employers**

Be certain that your staff and new applicants have the proven background and knowledge to get standards implemented efficiently and properly for your company. Get them certified or look for an ACORD Expert when hiring. Have them keep up with continuing education requirements.

## What it Takes to Be an ACE

An ACE certification requires you to take and pass three exams:

- **ACORD Information**

The first exam focuses on ACORD's history, standards development process, operating procedures, maintenance request process, and related topics.

- **Industry Knowledge**

An understanding and knowledge base of the insurance industry is essential for proper standards implementation.

- **Standards Knowledge**

The third component is domain-specific standards knowledge from one, or more, of ACORD's Standards domains (Life, Annuity & Health; Property & Casualty/Surety; Reinsurance & Large Commercial).

#### LEARN MORE

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## Frequently Asked Questions

### Who should be an ACE?

In general, ACE designees are people actively implementing or planning to implement ACORD Standards within their organizations and for solution providers developing systems intended to be ACORD compliant.

### Why do I want to be an ACE?

If your employer is implementing ACORD Standards, they may want you to obtain the designation and help you further hone your skills. Independent consultants may also wish to hold the ACE designation to show prospective clients that they have the requisite skills.

### Why should I have my staff become ACEs?

You want to be sure that your staff are up to today's challenges and have the best training and education to implement standards. Certification means they've got what it takes to do the job efficiently, effectively, and properly.

### Why should I hire an ACE?

Certification means that the individual you are considering for employment has received training, passed examinations, and is maintaining that knowledge through continuing education.

### Why did ACORD create the ACE?

ACORD Standards are being implemented by participants worldwide who rely on employees, contractors and suppliers to get the job done efficiently, effectively, and properly. However, there was no credible way to demonstrate or acknowledge individuals having such expertise.

That's why ACORD launched the program—to support organizations that needed to ensure their staff was current with ACORD standards and to help them find qualified individuals to support their work.

### What continuing education requirements can I expect?

ACORD will host ACE webinars and require individuals to attend selected ACORD events and classes during the year. We also plan to open a special channel of communication to keep you updated on all activities related to your certification.

Other requirements will be determined based on changes and updates to the ACORD Standards.

Find answers to other frequently asked questions and complete an application for the program at [www.acord.org/ace](http://www.acord.org/ace)

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