



New AABC Continuing Education Requirement

Requirements are for all certified individuals (TBEs and Techs), program begins in 2020

The AABC Board has approved new mandatory continuing education requirements for all AABC-certified personnel. The requirement will ensure that individuals continue to keep current with the industry and that AABC certifications continue to be seen as the industry gold standard.

Continuing Education Cycle

The standard cycle will be 3 years, with 60 required points per 3-year cycle for TBEs, 30 for certified techs.

For the initial implementation, the requirement will be phased in. Zones 1 and 2 will have their initial deadlines earlier than Zone 3, but the points will be reduced proportionally so that everyone only has to fulfill the equivalent of 20 points/year. See table below.

ZONE 1 (Eastern):

First deadline December 31, 2020

(Reduced req't of 20 points for TBEs, 10 points for Techs)

Then every 3 years (2023, 2026, etc.) at 60/30 for TBEs/Techs.

ZONE 2 (Central):

First deadline December 31, 2021

(Reduced req't of 40 points for TBEs, 20 points for Techs)

Then every 3 years (2024, 2027, etc.) at 60/30 for TBEs/Techs.

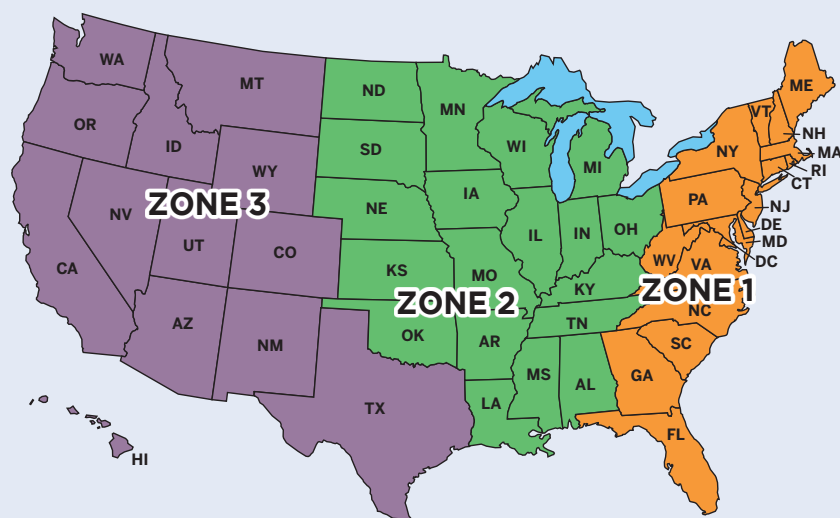
ZONE 3 (Western + International):

First deadline December 31, 2022

(60 points for TBEs, 30 points for Techs).

Then every 3 years (2025, 2028, etc.) at 60/30 for TBEs/Techs.

For reference, the map of the Zones is as follows:



*Note: International members will be on the same schedule as Zone 3.

Eligible Education Topics & Sources

Acceptable topics include, but are not limited to, testing & balancing, commissioning, design, installation, construction, project management, code enforcement, safety, operations, and other HVAC and building science education areas. Acceptable educational providers include, but are not limited to, AABC, ACG, EMA, ASHRAE, SMACNA, and other recognized industry sources.

Enforcement: Certified individuals who have not completed their CEU requirements by the deadline will not receive annual certificates until they do.

Submission/Recording/Tracking of Points: CEU information and any required documentation (such as in-house training log forms) must be input through the new AABC member portal at members.aabc.com.

Continuing Education Point Requirements

Test & Balance Engineers (TBEs)	60 required total points every 3 years
ACTIVITY	POINT VALUE
TAB Projects	10 points/project (max 30 points/full cycle)
Conferences, webinars, training classes, online videos, etc.	1 point per hour (2 per hour for presenter/instructor)
Technical paper submitted to AABC (500+ words)	5 points
Read & pass quiz - TAB Journal	1 point/issue (Max 12 points per cycle)
AABC committee service	1 point/hour of meetings/conference calls (max 5 points/full cycle)
Leading structured, documented In-house training	2 point/hour (max 10 points/cycle)

EXAMPLE: a typical TBE could earn his 60 points as follows:

Participating in balancing 3 projects over 3 years:..... 30 points
Attending two AABC Annual Meetings:..... 20 points
Writing a technical paper and/or attending AABC TAB Seminar:..... 5 points
Conducting in-house training of technicians for 3 hours:..... 6 points

TOTAL: 61 points

Certified Technicians	30 required total points every 3 years
ACTIVITY	POINT VALUE
TAB Projects	5 points/project (max 15 points/full cycle)
Conferences, webinars, training classes, online videos, etc.	1 point per hour (2 per hour for presenter/instructor)
Technical paper submitted to AABC (500+ words)	5 points
Structured, documented In-House Training	1 point/hour

EXAMPLE: a typical Certified Tech could earn his 30 points as follows:

Participating in balancing 3 projects over 3 years:.....15 points
Viewing 5 hours of AABC videos through the member portal:..... 5 points
Receiving 10 hours of in-house training:.....10 points

TOTAL: 30 points

(There are many other possible combinations, but these examples show that you have many readily available options.)

Forms: AABC has developed an in-house training documentation form for use by both those receiving and delivering training. There will also be a "statement of understanding" that must be signed by the company owner or responsible TBE, confirming understanding of the CEU requirement and that all firm submissions will be accurate.

For additional information about the requirement, please call AABC headquarters or email info@aacb.com.