

## **American Academy of Thermology Membership Certification Policy**

This guideline is intended to serve as a framework for the AAT's Membership committee to make recommendations to the AAT Board regarding AAT Certification Recognition for Member applicants who have received Thermography Certification by organizations other than the AAT.

- 1) Current members have been grandfathered in so this problem for the most part is not an issue to the current membership (other than wanting to protect their status).
- 2) Current members may become certified by satisfying the following AAT Certification Requirements:
  1. Member of AAT for at least 1 year. Alternative demonstration of training and experience will be considered on an individual basis. While anyone may attend an AAT Certification Course the AAT will not issue AAT Certification status to non-members.
  2. Attendance at least 1 AAT sanctioned meeting or training course
  3. Demonstration of competency in core curricula relevant to the field of Medical Thermal Imaging by written or oral examination
  4. Familiarity with content of at least three medical thermology text books (the texts must be acceptable to AAT)
  5. Demonstration of ability to read thermal imaging studies via case submission or direct oral examination (not applicable to Technician Certification).
  6. AAT will take individual consideration into account with respect to teaching and publication criteria for demonstrated professional leadership in the field of Medical thermal Imaging.
- 3) Simply attending an AAT Certification Qualification course does not mean that a prospective applicant has accomplished Certification. Upon completion of an AAT Certification Qualification Course the prospective applicant MUST satisfy the Post Course Didactic Testing requirements set forth in the AAT Certification Qualification Course Criterion policy,
- 4) Any organization that wants to be sanctioned as an AAT Certification Qualification Course must submit its content to the AAT for comparison with the AAT Course Certification Qualification Criterion Policy. The Course Director must also send a signed statement to the AAT that he/she personally guarantees that the course content will be administered within the guidelines of the AAT Certification Qualification Course Criterion. AAT Board members, or their designee, will be allowed to audit these courses for verification of the same (this process is not unlike what the AMA requires for CME).
- 5) Any outside organization that receives recognition by the AAT as having satisfied the essential elements of the AAT Certification Qualification Course Policy shall be required to post the same on their course offering materials.

- 6) In addition the Course Director shall assure that the following statement shall be published in the course offering: "This course has been sanctioned by the American Academy of Thermology (AAT) as an AAT Certification Qualification Course. In order to obtain AAT Certification attendance at this AAT Sanctioned Certification Qualifying Course MUST be followed by satisfaction of the AAT Post Course Didactic Testing requirement set forth in the AAT Course Certification Qualification Criterion.
- 7) Any organization that desires their course to be a sanctioned AAT Certification Qualification Course shall send a written request for the same to the AAT and remit a \$250.00 payment to the AAT. The AAT will review the course content, assess the Course Directors ability to carry out the necessary requirements, and review the Course Director's statement of commitment to follow AAT Course Certification Qualification Criterion.
- 8) Upon acceptance of an application for course sanctioning by the AAT, at its own discretion, the AAT may authorize the Course Director to implement the Post Course Didactic Testing requirement for individual applicants. While candidates must complete the AAT Certification Application and submit the necessary fee to the AAT the Course Director must both personally attest and document that the applicant fulfilled the Post Course Didactic Testing requirement.
- 9) Upon receipt of all the necessary materials and the fee for Certification from the applicant, and attesting materials from the Course Director, the AAT will pay 30% of the Certification Application fee to the Course Director ( payment will be issued during the AAT's normal next accounts payable cycle).
- 10) Upon receipt of all the necessary materials and application fee, the candidate's application will be reviewed by the AAT Membership committee during its next periodic candidate review cycle. If the committee is satisfied with the application it will make recommendation to the Board for Certification status. There after the candidate and the Course director will be notified of the Board's decision.
- 11) For a time limited period (through 2013) the AAT will honor previous certifications from outside organizations for potential members upon receipt of a letter of recommendation for AAT Certification from either one AAT Board Member or two current AAT certified members. In addition the new member applicant must submit a signed letter to the AAT with the following text:

"To whom it may concern: I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand that the granting of AAT Member Certification is not the same as having achieved AAT Senior Member, Fellow Member, or Life Member status. By signing this letter I further agree to comply with the American Academy of Thermology's Mission Statement, Bylaws, and Certification Policy and Procedures. I also agree that I will both fulfill the requirements needed to maintain AAT Member Certification

status and that I will not falsely represent my Member Certification credentials as having the rights and privileges of AAT Senior Member, Fellow, or Life Status”.

Adopted by the AAT Board

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