

**IEEE Communications Society Launches New
Wireless Communication Engineering Technologies Certification Program**
New Program Provides Certification in Technical Wireless Expertise

The Institute of Electrical & Electronics Engineers Communications Society (IEEE ComSoc) has launched a new program to certify the practical knowledge and skills of wireless communications professionals.

The IEEE Wireless Communication Engineering Technologies (IEEE WCET) Certification Program has been specifically designed by IEEE ComSoc to address the worldwide wireless industry's growing need for communications professionals with practical problem-solving skills in real-world situations. With this certification, professionals will be able to clearly demonstrate their knowledge of wireless communications technologies to employers or change engineering fields as new opportunities arise in the wireless industry.

To qualify for the IEEE WCET designation, candidates with a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution and at least three years of wireless engineering experience must pass a detailed comprehensive examination developed by more than 100 industry experts and experienced wireless practitioners. Administered on computer for the fee of \$500, the first testing period is scheduled for 22 September 2008 – 10 October 2008 at more than 500 testing sites located in 75 countries with the next testing period slated for March 2009. Online applications will be accepted beginning in mid-June.

The exam itself will consist of 150 multiple-choice questions encompassing the wireless areas of RF engineering, propagation and antennas; access technologies; network and service architecture; network management and security; facilities infrastructure; agreements, standards, policies and regulations; and fundamental knowledge.

In the coming months, IEEE ComSoc will also launch a set of resources designed specifically to help participants prepare for the examination. Two separate practice exams consisting of 75 different questions will be computer-based and available via the Internet for a price of \$75 for one exam and \$125 for both. A Wireless Engineering Body of Knowledge

(WEBOK) sourcebook that provides detailed information on all the specialty areas covered by the examination will also be available for purchase.

In addition, a Candidate Handbook for the IEEE WCET certification program containing policies, complete details of the subject areas covered, reference sources, sample questions, application procedures and contact information is currently available free-of-charge through IEEE ComSoc.

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