CAET Recertification Policy

CAET Recertification Requirements

To maintain the Certified Aircraft Electronics Technician (CAET) credential, holders are required to complete recertification every three (3) years. Recertification ensures technicians remain current with evolving avionics technologies, regulatory changes, and industry best practices.

Recertification Requirement

A technician must earn a minimum of 18 Continuing Education Hours (CEHs) within the three-year cycle through any combination of the following:

Approved Recertification Activities

- AEA Online Training Module: 2 CEHs per module
- AEA In-Person Training Course: 6 CEHs per day
- AEA Regional Meeting (technical sessions): 8 CEHs per event
- AEA International Convention & Trade Show (technical training sessions): 12 CEHs per convention
- CAET Advanced or Pro Completion: Automatically fulfills the full 18 CEHs requirement for that 3-year cycle
- CAET Online Recertification Exam: Automatically fulfills the full 18 CEHs requirement
- FAASTeam Training: 1 CEH per training hour (max 4 CEHs per course)
- FAA A&P Renewal Activity: 6 CEHs per year
- OEM or Manufacturer Avionics Training: 1 CEH per training hour (documentation required)
- Other industry-recognized continuing education: CEHs assigned based on documented training hours, subject to AEA approval

Documentation & Submission

All recertification activities must be supported by evidence of completion, such as:
- AEA training forms or completion certificates
- Proof of attendance from AEA events
- Certificates from FAASTeam, FAA A&P, or OEM training

Documentation must be submitted to: nickb@aea.net

Certification Status

- Active: Credential holder has met the CEH requirement within the 3-year cycle.
- Inactive: Credential holder has not met requirements. Reinstatement requires completing outstanding CEHs plus the CAET Online Recertification Test.

FAQ: CAET Recertification

Q: What are the CAET recertification requirements?
A: CAET certification must be renewed every three (3) years by earning a minimum of 18 Continuing Education Hours (CEHs). CEHs may be earned through AEA online or in-person training, attending an AEA Regional Meeting or the International Convention, completing CAET Advanced or Pro, passing the CAET online recertification exam, or submitting other approved training such as FAASTeam, FAA A&P, or manufacturer courses.

To recertify, credential holders must submit evidence of completion (training forms, certificates, or proof of attendance) to nickb@aea.net.

CAET Recertification Credit Chart (Every 3 Years)

Activity	CEHs Earned	Notes
AEA Online Training Module	2 CEHs per module	Self-paced, on-demand
AEA In-Person Training Course	6 CEHs per day	Includes classroom & hands-on
AEA Regional Meeting	8 CEHs per event	One-day technical training
AEA International Convention & Trade Show	12 CEHs per convention	Multiple training sessions required
CAET Advanced or Pro Completion	18 CEHs (full requirement)	Automatically renews certification
CAET Online Recertification Exam	18 CEHs (full requirement)	Alternative to training
FAASTeam Training	1 CEH per training hour	Max 4 CEHs per course
FAA A&P Renewal Activity	6 CEHs per year	Documentation required
OEM / Manufacturer Training	1 CEH per training hour	Proof of completion required
Other Industry Training	Case-by-case	Subject to AEA approval