



NATEF 2013 Program Accreditation FAQs

All of the new Program Accreditation documents are available on the [NATEF website](#). The link to the documents can be found under Quick Links on the NATEF home page.

Below are answers to some frequently asked questions. We hope that these answers are helpful, but if you require additional assistance please feel free to contact the NATEF office at 703-669-6650, or email at webmaster@natef.org.

NATEF is committed to working with each state, program and instructor during this transition to the new 2013 Program Accreditation Standards.

General Program Accreditation FAQ's (Automobile, Collision, and Truck)

- 1. Have the number of Program Standards changed?** Yes, there is now a new Standard 6 - Advisory Committee which groups all the Advisory Committee tasks that were previously scattered throughout the standards. There now a total of 12 Program Standards for Automobile programs and 11 Program Standards for Collision and Truck Programs.
- 2. How do the 2013 changes affect my Truck program?** The significant change to the Truck Standards is the inclusion of Standard 6 – Advisory Committee. The task lists, tools/equipment list, and instructor qualifications have not changed. A review of these items is planned for 2014.
- 3. I just re-accredited, what does this mean for me?** If you just re-accredited, your program accreditation remains current under the standards which you applied and were approved. When you next come up for re-accreditation you must use the most current standards that are in place at that time.
- 4. I just submitted my application; will the 2013 changes affect my application?** No, if you submitted your application prior to **July 1, 2013**, the program will be evaluated and accredited based on the standards in effect when you completed your application.

5. **Have the fees changed?** Yes, effective July 1, 2013 the new fee structure is:

<i>Effective 7/2013</i>	Initial Automobile/Truck/Collision	Renewal of Accreditation
Accreditation Documents	\$0—available on website	\$0-available on website
Application Fee	\$850.00 \$425 for additional programs at each site	\$750.00 \$375 For additional programs at each site
On-Site Evaluation Team Manuals (\$65 each)	Included in application fee	Included in application fee
Honorarium for the ETL \$250 per day (paid directly to the ETL)	\$500.00	\$250.00
Estimated expenses for the ETL (paid directly to the ETL)	\$300.00	\$150.00

Automobile Program Accreditation FAQ's

1. **Did the number of instructional hours change (from the 2012 standards) for any of the 3 levels of accreditation in the 2013 Standards?** Yes, however the only change in hours is at the MAST level. The change in MAST hours to 1,200 reflects additional instructional tasks. The hour requirements for MLR and AST did not change.
2. **Did the instructor qualifications change?** Yes, the chart below reflects these changes.

Instructor Qualifications		
MLR	G1 & A6	A4 & A5
AST		Instructor Area(s) Taught. Program must cover A1-A8
MAST		Instructor Area(s) Taught : A1-A8, (Engine Performance Instructor(s) must have A8 and L1) Program: must cover A1-A8, L1

ASE Master certified instructors are not required to obtain G1 until they are due to renew their ASE certification or when they renew their NATEF program accreditation, whichever comes first.

3. **My program is currently accredited, when do I have to get the ASE G1 certification?** Programs that are currently accredited will be required to meet the 2013 Instructor Qualification when the program next comes up for re-accreditation.

4. **I teach Engine Performance for MAST accredited program. When do I need to have the ASE L1 certification?** Instructors currently teaching Engine Performance as part of a MAST program will be required to meet the 2013 Instructor Qualification of having ASE L1 certification when the program next comes up for re-accreditation.
5. **I'm currently ASE Master certified, why do I need to take the ASE G1 certification exam?** After extensive discussion with subject matter experts and with the NATEF Board, it was determined that it is in the best interest of the program and its students for all instructors to hold this certification.
6. **The previous NATEF Automobile Program Standards listed required hours of instruction per area. Is there an hour requirement per area in the 2013 standards?** No, in the new NATEF auto accreditation model, there is no specified hour requirement per area. There is only a total hour requirement for each level of accreditation.
7. **I have more hours than defined by the new levels, can I teach more tasks?** Yes, NATEF provides the minimum standards. If your program has additional hours, resources, etc., we encourage you to teach additional tasks that are found at the next level of accreditation in any area. Teaching additional tasks from a higher level of accreditation than you currently hold does not mean you are accredited at the higher level. You must teach all the tasks and meet all program requirements to accredit in the next level.
8. **Are the P1, P2 and P3 percentages changing?** No, the percentages for tasks taught remain the same at P1 – 95%, P2 - 80%, P3 - 50%.
9. **What about tools and equipment?** The updated tools and equipment list is posted in the program documents link under **Quick Links** on the [NATEF homepage](#).
10. **I'm due to submit a compliance review in the near future. On what standards should I base my review?** The compliance review should reflect the standards for which the program was approved for accreditation. However, if your program was accredited under the 2008 model but has transitioned to the new 2012/13 model, the compliance review forms have been modified to accommodate that information.
11. **How will I articulate my program?** NATEF does not define how credit transfer is structured between institutions. We are working on some suggested guidelines. You should discuss articulation directly with your partner institution as you plan implementation of the new model.

Collision Repair and Refinish Program Accreditation FAQ's

1. **Has the accreditation model changed for Collision Repair and Refinish?** Yes, there are now four accreditation options to choose from. Each Accreditation Option requires that the new Damage Analysis/Estimating/Customer Service (DAECS) tasks be taught. The updated model is available for viewing at www.natef.org.
2. **Did the instructor qualifications change?** No, there has been no change to the instructor qualification requirement. Although the new model includes Damage Analysis/Estimating tasks, ASE certification in B6 is not required.
3. **Did the number of hours change to achieve accreditation?** Yes, because the accreditation model has changed the number of hours required per accreditation option has been updated. A breakdown of hours can be found in the Policies section of the 2013 Collision Repair and Refinish Accreditation Standards.
4. **Have the task lists changed?** Yes, we have added tasks specific to Damage Analysis/Estimating/Customer Service. There were minor additions to the other tasks list. The task lists are available at www.natef.org.
5. **Are the HP-I and HP-G percentages changing?** No, the percentages for tasks taught remain the same at HP-I 95% and HP-G 90%.
6. **What about tools and equipment?** The updated tools and equipment list is posted in the program documents link under **Quick Links** of the [NATEF homepage](http://www.natef.org).

I just don't know what to do, how can you help? Feel free to contact the NATEF office at 703-669-6650. We can walk you through the process and provide some resources to assist you in getting your program accredited.