

TRANSITION CHART FOR CURRENT CERTIFICATION HOLDERS

CIT – Cabling & Infrastructure Technician

IST – Integrated System Technician

	ESPA EST	CEDIA ESC	CEDIA ESC-T
Current Certification Status	Certificants will continue to be recognized with existing credential for the duration of their certification period.	Certificants will continue to be recognized with existing credential for the duration of their certification period.	Certificants will continue to be recognized with existing credential for the duration of their certification period.
Certification Period	5 years, non-renewable	5 years, non-renewable	3 years, renewable with 30 CEUs
Last Date Exam is Offered	When the CIT is live – Target September	When the CIT is live – Target September	When the IST is live – Target December
Should they take the CIT Certification?	Yes. The CIT is an updated and slightly expanded version of the EST. It is a renewable certification that offers certificants ongoing recognition of their skills. EST certificants only pay the minimal price of \$25 to take the new exam.	Yes. It is a renewable certification that offers certificants ongoing recognition of their skills in cabling and infrastructure and fulfills the eligibility for the new IST certification. ESC certificants only pay the minimal price of \$25 to take the new exam.	Yes. While not required to do so, the CIT represents a new way to showcase foundational infrastructure skills in a renewable certification. All ESC-T certificants only pay the minimal price of \$25 to take the beta exam.
Recommended to take new IST Certification?	The EST does not meet the certification pre-requisite for the IST so certificants will need to take the CIT first. The IST is an excellent next career step for those with job experience and expanding knowledge of equipment and systems installation practices.	Yes, the IST is an ideal next step for technicians wanting a renewable certification showcasing their broad technical skillset and ability to work independently. However, the ESC does not meet the certification pre-requisite requirement for the IST and holders must earn the CIT first. ESC certificants only pay the minimal price of \$25 to take the IST.	Yes. While ESC-T holders will transition to this certification upon their next renewal, they are highly encouraged to participate in the beta test to earn the new certification right away. The IST is the long-term nearest equivalent to the ESC-T which represents the essential core skills of a technician performing equipment and systems installation.

Please contact certification@cedia.org for any questions regarding these changes or your current certification status.