

To: ASE Certified General Service Technician (GST) Programs
Programs Pursuing GST Program Certification

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Re: General Service Technician (GST) Standards Update

Recently NATEF and ASE have begun the process to revise and update the certification standards for GST technician training programs. A committee of industry and education experts convened in February 2009 to begin this process by making recommendations for changes to the task list, tools & equipment list, required program hours, and instructor qualifications. All proposed changes will be presented to the NATEF Trustees and the ASE Board of Directors for approval at their meetings in May. We anticipate that the new standards and certification materials will become available in July 2009.

During this transition period, anyone who would like to certify or recertify their program under the current (2005) standards must meet the following requirements:

- 1) be approved for an on-site evaluation by December 30, 2009. (***The application must be received by NATEF by 11-30-09 to allow time for processing.***)
- 2) meet all standards for ASE certification by June 30, 2010. (The on-site visit should take place in early spring to allow for processing time as well as time to make any necessary improvements.)

Failure to meet these deadlines WILL necessitate that the program begin the certification process again under the 2009 standards.

Should you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact the NATEF office at 703-669-6650.