



How to Apply for an ACBIS Certification

Note: The ACBIS Certification portal uses the term “test” and assigns scores for every form, whether it is an application or the certification examination. You may be surprised to learn that you have *passed* an application after it has been reviewed!

There are multiple ways to move through individual forms on this platform:

1. Use the up/down arrows if you click outside the answer field; and
2. Use a narrow scroll bar on the far right of the screen.

**Please refrain from clicking Tab to move to the next answer field.*

Most of the questions appear as open-ended questions; there are several, however, that require choosing from a list (e.g., the type of facility in which you work and your professional discipline) and a couple of questions that have essay-type boxes. For the latter, click on the file-save icon in the upper right hand corner of the essay box when the answer is completed. Some questions require the uploading of files (see below); in both of these cases, the lower right hand side of the answer box has a link titled “Upload file.” That link will open your computer’s file directory so you can choose the appropriate file to upload – and then hit save again.

1. Create an account at the [ACBIS Certification portal](#). This will become your individual certification dashboard.
 - a. Enter your first and last names.
 - b. Enter your email address. Make sure the email address is entered correctly, because all further communication from the platform will be sent to that address.
 - c. Retype the security code you see.
 - d. Click on the blue “Register” button.
2. After you receive a confirmation email that you have created a new user profile on the YouTestMe platform, make a note of the password provided so that you may change it to a password you wish to use.
3. You will be directed to a screen that says “My assignments.” Select the certification you are pursuing. You will be directed to a screen listing the steps of becoming certified – the initial application, exam preparation, and examination, followed by the annual renewal (if applicable).
4. Click on (PCBIS, CBIS, or CBIST) Application. An Instructions pop-up will appear. Read the information provided in full and confirm your agreement to be bound by ACBIS policies and procedures by clicking on the checkbox below the instructions and then clicking the blue “Start” box. Be sure you are in the Test Tab and not the Description Tab.

5. Update your profile information. Answer every question and click on the blue “Save and continue” button. If no information needs to be updated, click on the “Continue Without Changes” button.
6. Complete the application.
 - a. Answer all questions. As questions are answered, the progress bar on the right hand side changes, as does the chart of answered and unanswered questions.
 - b. Provide the employment verification form to a qualified verifier.
 - i. Self-verification is not allowed. In a position of self-employment, an applicant’s eligibility must be verified by a professional colleague or supervising board member.
 - c. Upload your resume/CV in Word or PDF format.
 - d. Indicate your method of payment of the application fee.
 - i. To pay online by credit card, [click here](#).
 - ii. To pay by check, include this [accompanying form](#).
7. When you have finished filling out the application form, click the red “Finish test” button in the upper right. You will be asked to confirm that you are finished. If you select “No,” you may return to the form as needed; if you select “Yes,” your answers will be submitted to the ACBIS administration team.
8. Once the application is complete (form, payment, resume/CV, and employment verification), your file will be reviewed. You will receive an automated email when the status of your application is available. You can view your status in by logging in to the [ACBIS Certification Program Portal](#).
 - a. If approved/passed, you will be able to sit for the online examination in the next step(s) of your respective certification program course.
 - b. If denied/failed, you will receive an email stating modifications are needed. You can make corrections by clicking into your respective certificate course. Click on the “Modify” button. Feedback about the denial/failed status will be provided at this step.