

GISP-E Certification Request Policy

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Purpose

The GIS Certification Institute (GISCI) recognizes that some individuals demonstrate significant knowledge and commitment to the geospatial profession by successfully passing the GISCI Geospatial Core Technical Knowledge Exam® for the GISP certification yet may not meet the full experience requirements for GISP certification. To acknowledge this accomplishment, GISCI offers the optional designation of **GISP-E** (GIS Professional – Emerging) upon request.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the GISP-E designation request, an individual must:

1. Have passed the GISCI Geospatial Core Technical Knowledge Exam®; and
2. Not currently meet the professional experience requirements necessary for full GISP certification.

Request Process

- The GISP-E designation is **not automatically granted**.
- Individuals who meet the eligibility criteria must submit a written request to GISCI to be considered for the GISP-E designation.
- Requests must include the date the GISP Exam was passed and confirmation that the individual does not currently meet the experience requirement for GISP certification.

Terms and Conditions

- The GISP-E designation signifies that the individual has passed the GISP Exam but has not yet met the full criteria for GISP certification.
- GISP-E is a **temporary and optional designation** valid for up to three years or until the individual has met the requirements for the GISP certification, whichever comes first and does not confer GISP status.
- Individuals may not use the GISP designation until they have met all GISP requirements and receive formal notification of GISP certification from the GISCI.
- Once the experience and other requirements for full GISP certification are met, individuals may submit a full application to convert their status from GISP-E to GISP.
- Not available to GISP® candidates not meeting education or professional contribution requirements.

- GISCI reserves the right to change or delete this policy at any time.
- All other terms and conditions associated with the GISP-E certification also apply.

Use of Designation

- Approved individuals may use the “GISP-E” designation on resumes, email signatures, and professional profiles to signify that they have passed the GISP Exam.
- GISCI reserves the right to revoke the GISP-E designation if it is misrepresented or misused in any way.

Review and Oversight

- GISCI staff will review GISP-E requests on a case-by-case basis.
- The GISCI Board reserves the right to revise or discontinue the GISP-E designation request at any time.