Changes to the GISP Certification Program

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GISP Certification History

GISP Current Process

Exam Creation

Next Exam
ACTIVE GISP\textsc{s}: CERTIFICATION HISTORY

2016 – 8,000 +
2015 – 7,000+ \textbf{Exam Added 7/1/15}
2014 – 5,900
2012 – 5,159
2011 - 4,946
2010 - 4,729
2009 - 4,526
2008 – 3,224
2007 - 1,920
2006 - 1,375
2005 - 974
2004 - 552
2003 - PILOT 29
GISP Current Process

Initial GISP: Portfolio Requirement + Exam

• 4 Years Min Geospatial Experience
• Portfolio Application
  • Education, Experience, Contributions
  • Minimum Points Req in Each Category
• GISCI Geospatial Core Technical Knowledge Exam Now Required
GISP Current Process
GISP Current Cost

Initial GISP Cost:
• Application Fee - $100
• Portfolio Review Fee - $100
• Exam Fee - $250
• $300 International
GISP Current Process

Recertification: Portfolio Requirement

• Education & Contributions Required
• Experience Optional
• Exam Not Required for Recertification

• Online Application
• 3 Year Recertification Period
Recertification Process

GISP Certification → Annual Renewal Fee ($95) → 3 Years: Recertification--Portfolio Update Only (No additional fee)
GISP Current Cost

Recertification Cost:
• Annual Maintenance Fee - $95/year or $285 as one payment (3 years)
• No Exam Required
• Recertification Application Online
GISP Certification History
GISP Current Process
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Exam Creation History

Aug 2012 - GISCI Board initiates exam development with consultants

Nov 2015 - Inaugural Exam Deployment

Summer 2016 - Exam Testing Window

Fall 2016 - Exam Testing Window
Exam Creation

• Written by GISP for GISP Certification
• Composed at a 4 Year Experience Level
• Centered on Applied Knowledge
Exam Creation

EXAM BLUEPRINT: Exam Components

Knowledge Category

- Conceptual Foundations: 12%
- Cartography & Visualization: 14%
- GIS Design Aspects & Data Modeling: 29%
- GIS Analytical Methods: 17%
- Data Manipulation: 15%
- Geospatial Data: 13%

Exam to be offered every 6 months – Summer & Fall Windows
Exam Creation

ADVANTAGES OF AN EXAM

• Provides for a Measurable Competency Level
• Provides Increased Visibility for GISP Professional Certification
• Consistent with other major certification (eg: PMP)
• Continues to advance the GIS Professional Certification
Things worth noting

• Two Exam offerings each year in 2016 & 2017
• Exam can be taken at any time in a person’s career
• Students can test at the time they graduate or before
• There is a 6 year window to complete all parts of Certification process
Fall 2016 Exam

December 3rd-10th, 2016

- At PSI worldwide testing facilities
- International applications will be accepted until October 1, 2016
- North American locations until November 15, 2016
THANK YOU!

Questions & Answers?