



World Summit on Accessible Tourism

Destinations for All

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International Certification Program

for Accessibility Consultants

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... is to promote the understanding and implementation of accessibility of the sustainable built, social and virtual environments, including architectural, infrastructural design, transportation systems, habitat, and electronic information and communication technologies so that everyone, including people with disabilities and older persons are able to fully participate and contribute to society.

ICAC-BE Certification Program

- Internationally Certified Accessibility Consultant – Built Environment
- This program is designed to certify access consultants working in the field of accessibility of the built environment.



Global Reach

- The GAATES Accessibility Consultant Certification Program fills the global need to identify and classify through certification, the wide range of knowledge, experience and expertise among people who work in the field of accessible design and accessibility consulting.



Why the Program is Needed

- The lack of an international certification program allowed people with little or no training or experience to present themselves as accessibility experts.



ICAC-BE Outcomes

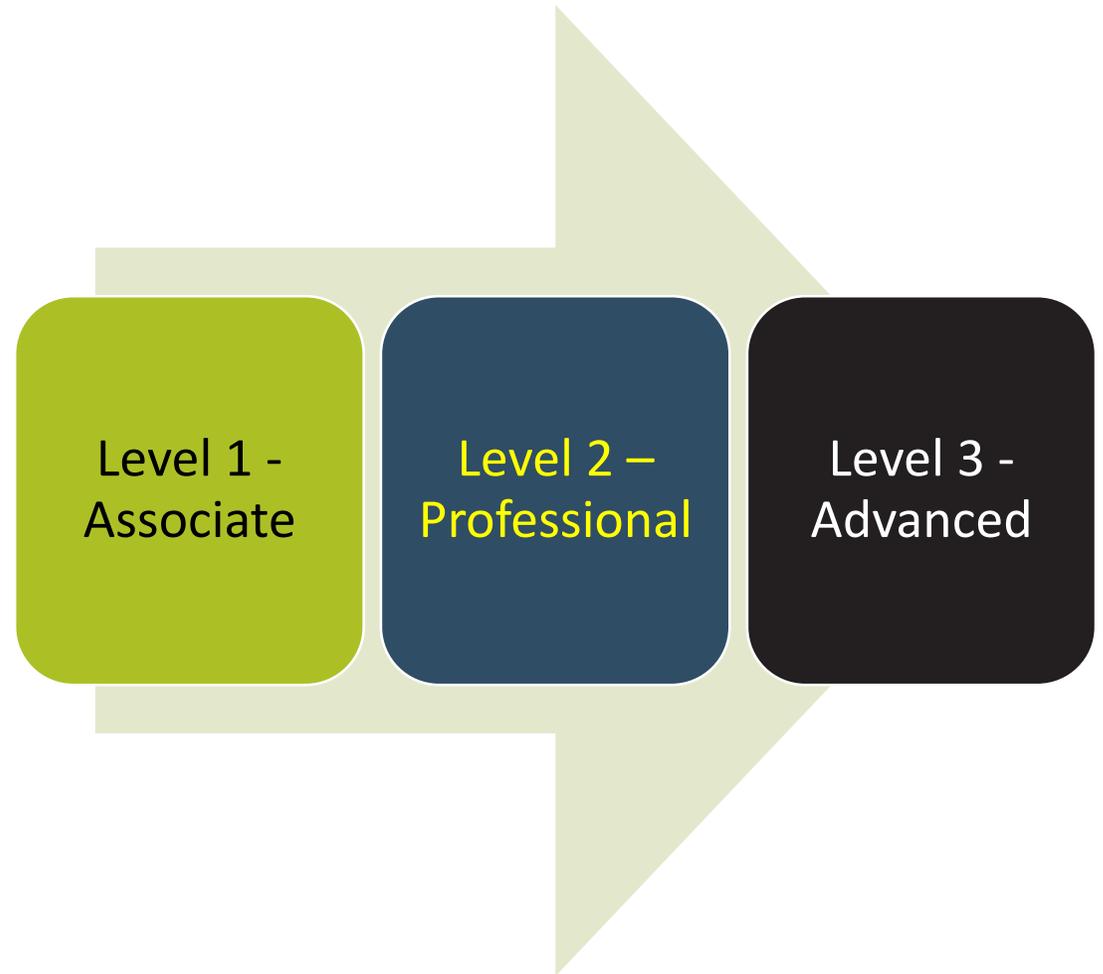
- The program will identify professionals and individuals capable of conducting accessibility audits of buildings and drawing reviews of the built environment as well as associated elements within the site.



Levels of Certification

There are three levels available for applicants with different skills, achievements and experience:

- Associate Accessibility Consultant
- Professional Accessibility Consultant
- Advanced Accessibility Consultant



Level 1: Associate Accessibility Consultant

- Persons with experience focused on assessments and issuing recommendations for usually one specific disability type such as physical, vision, or hearing disability, etc.



Level 2: Professional Accessibility Consultant



- Persons of diverse professional background,
- Capable of providing advice for developing a Universal Design environment.
- Experience with audits/assessments of both buildings and architectural drawings, including the provision of recommendations with technical specifications.
- Experience in housing, commercial and other building types, that may include public spaces within the site.



Level 3: Advanced Accessibility Consultant



- Works from the premise of the Universal Design approach, providing in-depth advice for the whole range of human functioning
- Works with different building types at any scale
- Demonstrates experience with audits/assessments of both buildings and architectural drawings and the provision of recommendations regarding technical specifications (including prioritization and costing).
- Participation in standards development, or design guidelines,
- Knowledge about the CRPD and human rights legislation



Multi-Stage Application Process: 1



Stage 1: Questions we ask you to gauge your level of knowledge and experience.

- Multiple choice questionnaire
- Written response quiz



Multi-Stage Application Process: 2



- Stage 2: Materials you submit to demonstrate knowledge, experience, relevant training and education, in addition to publications and presentations
 - CV/Resume
 - Examples of work
 - List of publications, articles, presentations
 - Education
 - Reference Letters
 - List of Classes, Workshops, Training or Educational Activities List of Professional Association and/or Designations

Wheelchair seating areas have the potential for front wheels to roll far enough forward that they could drop over the edge.



Recommendations:

- 2.2.5 HEI – Replace door to Lecture Hall 201 to a door with a clear width of at least 860 mm. (2A)(4)(5) See Gen Rec 2.1.1.
- 2.2.6 HEI – On slopes in Lecture Hall 201 provide handrails on the outside wall and contrasting strips to alert to the changes in level. (1)(2A)(5) See GEN 2.2.2 – 2.2.3 and 2.2.17 – 2.2.23
- 2.2.7 HEI - In buildings of assembly occupancy, all classrooms, auditoria, meeting rooms and theatres with an area of more than 100 m² and an occupant load of more than 75 shall be equipped with assistive listening systems encompassing the entire seating area. (2)(4) See GEN 2.5.1
- 2.2.8 HEI - An accessible instructor podium shall be provided. (4) See GEN 2.7.5
- 2.2.9 HEI – Provide a guard or edge protection at the edge of wheelchair seating area to prevent wheels from rolling over the front. (1)(5)
- 2.2.10 HEI – Replace room identification signs to provide tactile equivalents. (2A)(4)(5) See GEN 2.11.1 – 2.11.3

2.3 3RD FLOOR

Washrooms:
Men's and women's washrooms on the 2nd floor are typical of other floors.



Drinking Fountain:

Multi-Stage Application Process: 3



Stage 3

= Interview with 3 member

Expert Panel who are recognized

International Experts

= Evaluation



Fees

- The fee schedule is based on the level achieved, GAATES membership and developed/developing nation status

- **Level 1 Application**
\$300.00 members/\$400.00 non-members /Developing Economies \$150
Level 1 Retake:
Member \$185/Non- Member: \$240 /Developing Economies Retake: \$90
- **Level 2 Application**
\$500.00 members/\$600.00 non-members /Developing Economies \$250
Level 2 Retake:
Member \$300/Non- Member \$360/Developing Economies: \$150
- **Level 3 Application**
\$650.00 members/\$750.00 non-members/Developing Economies \$325
Level 3 Retake:
Member \$390/Non- Member: \$450/Developing Economies: \$195

Questions



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