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**Restore Your Expired SBE Certification During the Diamond Project**

***January 8, 2024, Indianapolis, IN –*** The Society of Broadcast Engineers, the association for broadcast and multimedia technology professionals, celebrates its 60th anniversary in 2024. To mark the occasion, the SBE is announcing special projects and events throughout the year. The first relates to the SBE Program of Certification, which is the benchmark of broadcast and multimedia technology skill evaluation.

Called the **Diamond Project** in recognition of the SBE's 60th anniversary, individuals who have held SBE Certification but let it expire can restore their SBE-Certified status without taking an SBE Certification exam. The Diamond Project runs through the calendar year 2024 (January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024). Individuals who allowed their SBE Certification to expire prior to January 1, 2023, qualify for this project.

Applicants are required to complete the Diamond application (found on the SBE website under sbe.org/diamondproject) and provide it with either a resume or a letter to the certification committee stating what he/she has done in broadcast engineering since the applicant's SBE certification expired.

All SBE Certifications are included in the reinstatement program. There are two price points. All SBE Certifications except Certified Professional Broadcast Engineer (CPBE) can be reinstated for $125 for each level of certification. Those who held CPBE that expired prior to January 1, 2023, may either reinstate at the senior level certification held prior to the CPBE at the rate above, or they may choose to reinstate the CPBE for $200. All these costs are for current SBE members. Non-member fees apply for those who are not currently SBE members, which is an additional $85 for traditional membership or $175 for SBE MemberPlus.

SBE Certification must be renewed every five years. This is to ensure those who are SBE Certified stay current with technology. If a certification is allowed to expire, the individual must normally take the SBE Certification exam again to obtain the credential.

"The SBE Program of Certification, established in 1975, continues to grow and evolve to meet the changing needs of technical professionals and stay current with technology," said Ralph Hogan, CPBE, ATSC3, DRB, CBNE, chair of the SBE Certification Committee. "Sometimes people let their certification lapse for a variety of reasons. This allows them to become SBE-Certified again."

"SBE Certification is the widely regarded as *the* benchmark of technical proficiency in the broadcast community," said SBE President Ted Hand, CPBE, 8-VSB, AMD, ATSC3, DRB. "The Diamond Project is an ideal way to reobtain SBE Certification and to further one's career."

Questions? Contact SBE Certification Director Megan Clappe at the SBE National Office (mclappe@sbe.org).

The Society of Broadcast Engineers is the professional organization of television and radio engineers and those in related fields. The SBE has more than 4,500 members in 116 chapters across the United States and in Hong Kong and Eastern Europe. There are also members in more than 25 other countries. Most chapters meet monthly and offer educational programs and an opportunity to network with other broadcast technical professionals. The SBE offers the preeminent technical broadcast certification program in the U.S. and an expansive list of educational programs for broadcast engineers, operators, technicians, and broadcast IT professionals.

The SBE provides education and training programs to expand technical skills, and its certification program is a standard-bearer for professional competency in broadcast and communications engineering. SBE offers a forum for the exchange of ideas and the sharing of information allowing engineers to keep pace with the rapidly changing broadcast industry. The SBE’s frequency coordination program facilitates the use by broadcast engineers of radio spectrum for program and electronic news production. The SBE also advocates before Federal agencies and the United States Congress on technical regulatory issues that affect broadcast engineers.

For more information about the SBE, contact James W. Ragsdale, executive director, at [jragsdale@sbe.org](mailto:jragsdale@sbe.org) or 317-846-9000, or visit the SBE website, [sbe.org](http://www.sbe.org).

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