New NACE Institute Certification Ethics Requirement FAQs

**Why is ethics training being required now?**
A. Ethics is being required of all cardholders in response to a renewed focus on the need to raise the integrity of cardholders in the industry. We’ve heard repeatedly of the need for cardholders to better understand the attestations and non-disclosure agreements they are signing upon becoming certified. In response to those needs, the NACE International Institute responded by requiring ethics effective January 1, 2021 for all card holders.

**Can my ethics training from my company be used to meet this requirement or do I have to take the NACE class?**
A. Yes, you simply need to document the learning objectives from your company’s class and match them back to the Ethics for the Corrosion Professional course. Those learning objectives can be found at this link: [https://naceinstitute.org/certification-resources/certification-ethics](https://naceinstitute.org/certification-resources/certification-ethics). Once that is done, you’ll simply need to submit the documentation for review on your internal training program.

**If I complete the requirement through NACE, can I use that elsewhere?**
A. Yes, if you take NACE’s course, you’ll be able to download a certificate at the end that can be submitted as evidence that you completed a 2-hour Ethics course.

**If I take the NACE class, will that automatically be placed in my certification application?**
A. Yes, NACE International will send over your completion grade for your certification or recertification.

**Why isn’t Ethics training bundled in certification and recertification fees?**
A. The NACE course is not required, and many will want to use their company training. We don’t want to increase fees to cover this course if cardholders complete the required training elsewhere.

**How can I access the Ethics training course? When will it show in My Certification Portal?**
A. Within your profile, you can add the course by going to ‘Online Courses’ and searching for ‘Ethics for the corrosion professional.’ Please note that once the course has been completed, it might take up to 24 hours for the completion to be reflected in your profile.

If you don’t see your question answered here please reach out to us at ethicsquestions@nace.org