

Equipment Authorization of Telephone Terminal Equipment

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The FCC has minimized the government's role in the equipment authorization of Telephone Terminal Equipment (TTE) by privatizing significant portions of its rules¹ regulating the connection of customer premises equipment to the public switched telephone network and certain private-line services. The FCC has privatized both the standards development and terminal equipment approval processes.

To provide for the management of the technical and administrative requirements as well as the management of the equipment authorization program, the FCC mandated the establishment of the Administrative Council for Terminal Attachments (ACTA). ACTA was formed through the co-sponsorship and support of the Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS) and Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA).²

TTE connected to the public network and private-line services, must comply with the applicable Part 68 rules and regulations and with the applicable ACTA-adopted technical criteria, labeling requirements, and customer information requirements.

There are two approval methods³ recognized by the FCC:

- Telecommunications Certification Body (TCB) – Subject to the FCC Rules governing the TCB Program⁴
- Supplier's Declaration of Conformity (SDoC)⁵ – SDoC is a procedure where the Responsible Party⁶ makes measurements or takes other necessary steps to ensure that the terminal equipment complies with the appropriate technical standards

Questions regarding TTE requirements and equipment authorization should be addressed to ACTA. (www.part68.org)

¹ See *"In the matter of 2000 Biennial Regulatory Review of Part 68 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations"*, Report and Order, FCC 00-400.

² See *"Sponsor of the Administrative Council for Terminal Attachment"*, 47 C.F.R. §68.68.602.

³ See *"Connection to the Public Switched Telephone Network"*, 47 C.F.R. §68.201.

⁴ See *"Designation of Telecommunication Certification Bodies (TCBs)"*, 47 C.F.R. §68.160, and *"Requirements for Telecommunications Certification Bodies"*, §68.162.

⁵ See *"Supplier's Declaration of Conformity requirements"*, 47 C.F.R §68.324.

⁶ See 47 C.F.R. §68.3, Responsible Party.

List of Recognized Telecommunications Certification Bodies
Scope C – Telephone Terminal Equipment

The following is a list of Telecommunication Certification Bodies (TCBs) recognized by the FCC to perform equipment authorizations under Scope C – Telephone Terminal Equipment:

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| Canada | | |
| Nemko Canada Inc. | 303 River Road Ottawa, Ontario K1V 1H2 Canada | Stuart Beck Phone: 613-737-9680 Email: stuart.beck@nemko.com |
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| BZT-ETS Certification GmbH | Storkower Strasse 38c D-15526 Reichenwalde Germany | Dieter Griep Phone: 49-33631-888-220 Email: griep@ets-bzt.com |
| EMCC Dr. Rasek | Moggast D-91320 Ebermannstadt Germany | Werner Rasek Phone: 49-9194-9016 Email: Emc.cert@emcc.de |
| Netherlands | | |
| Telefication BV | Edisonstraat 12a NL-6902 PK Zevenaar Netherlands | Wouter Blom Phone: 31-316-583-180 Email: certification@telefication.com |
| Singapore | | |
| TUV SUD PSB Pte Ltd | No. 1 Science Park Drive Singapore 118221 | Chiew Wan Tan Phone: 65-6885-1265 Fax: 65-6776-9725 Email: chiew-wan.tan@psbcorp.com |
| United Kingdom | | |
| British Approvals Board for Telecommunications – BABT | Claremont House 34 Molesey Road Walton-on-Thames Surrey KT12 4RQ United Kingdom | Hilton Carr Phone: 44-1329-443-325 Email: Hilton.carr@babt.com |

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| United States | | |
| Bay Area Compliance Laboratory Corporation | 230 Commercial St. Suite 2 Sunnyvale, CA 94086 | Mr. John Chan Phone: 408-732-9162 Fax: 408-732-9164 Email: johnc@baclcorp.com |
| CKC Certification Services | 4933 Sierra Pines Dr. Mariposa, CA 95338 | Mr. Steve Behm Phone: 209-966-5240 Fax: 209-742-6133 Email: steve.behm@ckc.com |
| Communication Certification Laboratory | 1940 W. Alexander St. Salt Lake City, UT 84119 | Mr. Thomas Jackson Phone: 801-972-6146 Fax: 801-972-8432 Email: KPT@cclab.com |
| Compatible Electronics, Inc. | 114 Olinda Drive Brea, CA 92823 | Mr. Jeff Klinger Phone: 714-579-0500 Fax: 714-528-1992 Email: jeff@celectronics.com |
| Curtis-Straus LLC | 527 Great Road Littleton, MA 01460 | Mr. Barry Quinlan Phone: 978-486-8880 Fax: 978-486-3529 Email: bquinlan@curtis-straus.com |
| Elite Electronic Engineering, Inc. | 1516 Centre Circle Downers Grove, IL 60515 | Mr. Richard King Phone: 630-495-9770 Fax: 630-495-9785 Email: sales@elitetest.com |
| Intertek Testing Services, NA Inc. | 3933 U.S. Route 11 PO Box 2040 Cortland, NY 13045 | Mr. Paul Moliski Phone: 607-753-6711 Fax: 607-756-9891 Email: pmoliski@itsqs.com |
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| MET Laboratories, Inc. | 914 W. Patapsco Ave. Baltimore, MD 21230 | Ms. Marie Confroy Phone: 410-354-3300 x 412 Fax: 410-354-3323 Email: Mconfroy@metlabs.com |
| PCTEST Engineering Laboratory, Inc. | 6660-B Dobbin Road Columbia, MD 21045 | Mr. Randy Ortanez Phone: 410-290-6652 Fax: 410-290-6654 Email: randy@pctestlab.com |
| SIEMIC Testing and Certification Services | 2206 Ringwood Avenue San Jose, CA 95131 | Mr. Snell Leong Phone: 408-526-1188 Fax: 408-526-1088 Email: snell.leong@siemic.com |
| Timco Engineering, Inc. | 849 NW State Road 45 P.O. Box 370 Newberry, FL 32669 | Mr. Sid Sanders Phone 352-472-5500 Fax 352-472-2030 Email : sid@timco.cc |
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