

Draft Frequently Answered Questions (FAQs)

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Q1. Does change in size, shape, colour of enclosure, of equipment necessitate the modification in certificate?

A. The change in size, shape, colour of enclosure, of equipment may not require the modification in certificate unless accompanied by change in model. If there is change in model arisen due to change in size, shape, colour of enclosure of equipment, then it requires in modification in certificate.

Q2. How is the administrative and evaluation fee determined for an equipment?

A. Telecom equipments under MTCTE procedure are categorized based upon the certification scheme applicable (viz. SCS or GCS) as listed in Table-I and Table-II, and are grouped according to the time and complexity involved in testing the equipment or evaluating test reports. The fees are indicated for each scheme/ group in Annexure-2 of MTCTE procedure.

Q3. What are the contents of the Label of the Certified Equipment?

A. The Equipment labelling in case of certified equipment shall contain OEM's name, Equipment's trade name, model name, serial number and certification label and shall be marked/ affixed by the OEM/ importers/ dealer on all the equipments at a prominent place. In case of difficulty in affixing the certification details on each equipment, details of the certification label may be printed on the packaging of the product, but the logo of TEC shall be necessarily marked/ affixed at a prominent place on the body of the equipment. In addition, QR code would also be printed on the packaging of the product. QR code would include all the critical details of the certificate which can be accessed by user also.

Q4. Whether spares of certified equipment also needs to be tested and certified?

A. In case the applicant wants list of modules/ spares to be included in the Certificate, he shall upload the Bill of Material (BOM) of the equipment along with the certification application. The modules/ spares as included in the BOM shall be indicated in the Certificate and shall not be required to be certified separately, if the equipment containing these cards/ modules is already certified.

Q5. The MTCTE Procedure states that the products covered under GCS (General Certification Scheme) scheme shall be got tested after the payment of application fee. Please clarify whether test reports from prescribed labs for equipments undergone testing within preceding six months from the date of application, which are acceptable for equipments covered under SCS, shall be acceptable for equipments covered under GCS also.

A. It is clarified that test reports of the equipments tested in prescribed labs within the preceding six months from the date of application, shall be acceptable for equipments covered under GCS also.

Q6. Whether an equipment is exempted from mandatory certification if another equipment of the same family is already certified?

A. Where equipments with different model numbers are not substantially different from each other in respect of communication modules/ interface cards, all such models of the equipments may be considered belonging to the same family. In such case, model numbers of all these equipments, up to a maximum of ten, may be indicated in the certification application, and only one of the models, with higher configuration may be presented for testing. The certificate issued for the tested model will include other model numbers covered by the certificate.

There are some equipments, which are modular in nature, and OEMs may assign different model numbers to different configuration of equipments by using different combinations of modules, built on the same chassis/ enclosure. In this case, the model with fully populated modules can be offered for testing and model numbers of equipments with lower configuration may be mentioned in the certification application.

In case after issue of certificate, wherein model numbers of some models is indicted, another model not included in original certificate needs certification, it will be treated as a fresh case of certification.

Q7. Is there any difference in the testing and certification procedure of the telecom equipment based on their quantum in the telecom network?

A. Testing and certification procedure is not linked with the quantum of equipment in the telecom network. All such equipments shall be got tested and certified in accordance to the MTCTE procedure on per model basis.