



Statement of Intent – Gauged Porcelain Tile (GPT)

The Advanced Certifications for Tile Installers (ACT) program has been created through the combined efforts of six organizations including; the Ceramic Tile Education Foundation (CTEF), the International Masonry Institute (IMI), the International Union of Brick Layers and Allied Craftworkers (IUBAC), the National Tile Contractors Association (NTCA), the Tile Contractors Association of America (TCAA) and the Tile Council of North America (TCNA).

The purpose of the ACT Certification program is to establish a testing mechanism which evaluates the skills and knowledge of tile installers who have been pre-qualified by being either a Certified Tile Installer (CTI) through the Ceramic Tile Education Foundation (CTEF) or journeyman tile layer with the International Union of Brick and Allied Craftworkers (IUBAC).

The intent of this Gauged Porcelain Tile (GPT) certification is to determine the knowledge and skills presented by the pre-qualified tile installer. These skills must include the ability to distinguish if the substrate to be tiled meets current best practices and if the tile installer is able to install gauged porcelain tile in a pre-designated module, implementing all ANSI A108.19 Installations Specifications, plus procedures based out of our GPT Instructions to Installer and Study Guide.

If this criterion is met or exceeded and the separately administered online test is successfully completed, the tile installer will then be designated as certified in this particular program. A form of certification will be given to the installer to provide the customer the proof of expertise.