

ISO/IEC 17024 Accreditation for the IST Certification

Testimonial Quotes

"About 10 months ago I posted about CEDIA's CIT certification. Well, the next level, Integrated Systems Technician (IST) has given me a run for my money. While the CIT certification is great for entry level techs, the IST proved to be more exhaustive and challenging, even with 16+ years in my jacket. Long story short, challenge your best and brightest to earn this patch! I guarantee they'll also pick up some new knowledge on the way."

- **Jonathan Frye, CIT, IST, Area Sales Manager at Snap One**

"Gaining certifications shows a person's commitment to developing themselves and their career while also bringing value to them and their employers, along with recognition from other design and trade professionals who can now tell they are working alongside someone who takes their work seriously and professionally."

- **Andy Baker, CIT-SME, IST-SME, ESC-D, Founder at Really Smart Homes**

"IST is for people who have been in the industry longer, perhaps 3-5 years. This takes the basic foundation that CIT has provided and looks at what is necessary to work independently and manage projects. IST is there to recognize experienced, broadly skilled integrators who are committed to a career in home technology."

- **James Chen, Managing Director at Kordz International**

One of the biggest benefits to CEDIA Certification is professional development. Technology is ever evolving, and it's important to know that you're staying on top of changes in the market. Certification also proves to your clients that you're fully capable of carrying out work at their property and are competent in what you say you can do. Perhaps the best part about CEDIA Certification, though, is that it's available to everyone, not just CEDIA members. Our line of work is becoming very popular, and these certifications ensure anyone wishing to work in this industry learns how to do things the correct way.

- **Mike Ranpura, CIT-SME, IST-SME, ESC-N, Director at Smart Life AV Ltd.**

In order to properly service homeowners, certification is critical. ISO accreditation further solidifies this mission. Internationally recognized certifications bring CEDIA to a whole new level and are a massive opportunity for all of us in the CEDIA ecosystem. Even if the homeowner is unaware of CEDIA certifications or ISO accreditation, with a little research, they can easily find out that this status is the gold standard in custom electronics installation certifications.

- **Frank DeFilippis, General Manager at DISH Network**