



International Function Point Users Group

Dear IFPUG Certified Function Point Specialist,

This letter is to inform you that IFPUG is changing its Certified Function Point Specialists (CFPS) membership policy effective July 1, 2003. Beginning July 1, 2003, all CFPS must be members of IFPUG. Also beginning July 1, 2003, certificates for any individual who passes the CFPS exam will expire at the end of every fiscal year, on June 30. New certificates will be distributed annually, for the three-year certification period. New certificates will be distributed only to individuals whose dues are paid in full. Non-members must become members in order to be certified.

This policy does not affect individuals who have passed the CFPS exam prior to July 1, 2003. However, once your current certification expires, you will need to be a member of IFPUG in order to take the CFPS exam again or apply for certification extension.

IFPUG is adopting this policy change in order to ensure that the designation of CFPS continues to indicate within the industry a high level of proficiency in Function Point Analysis. IFPUG keeps its membership informed on the latest developments in functional size measurement and provides access to official interpretations for counting issues submitted by the membership. Practicing function point analysts who are not members of IFPUG will not have access to this information, and their knowledge will quickly become dated. Non-members will therefore be unable to maintain the standards expected of the CFPS designation.

Please do not hesitate to contact IFPUG headquarters with any questions regarding this new policy.

Regards,

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