



ISO 26262

PERSONAL CERTIFICATION

1. AFSP CERTIFICATION

SGS-TÜV has partnered with kVA to provide Automotive Functional Safety Professional (AFSP) certification in the U.S. This certification helps individuals prove to their customers, auditors, and assessors that they have a firm understanding of the ISO 26262 standard.

Individuals can achieve AFSP certification by first attending kVA's 3.5-day training. This training course is offered off-site multiple times throughout the year. At the conclusion of the training, individuals are given the option to complete a two-hour written exam testing their knowledge of the ISO 26262 standard. This open book exam is evaluated on a pass/fail basis. Exam takers will be granted AFSP certification valid up to three years, contingent upon a passing score.

2. AFSP RECERTIFICATION

After three years of receiving AFSP certification, individuals can attempt to recertify. AFSP recertification may be granted within six months before or after the current certification expires.

To begin the recertification process, individuals will need to first notify kVA and provide an electronic copy of their current AFSP certificate to AFSP@kvausa.com.

kVA will then coordinate an introduction to SGS-TÜV. At this time a confirmation letter from the candidate's employer is required, demonstrating they have worked in the field of functional safety for the past three years. Upon review, SGS-TÜV will then provide the certificate holder with a link to a thirty-minute online recertification exam. A grade of pass/fail will be provided immediately after the exam is completed.

3. AFSE CERTIFICATION

Certified AFSPs can take their certification one step further by attempting to become an Automotive Functional Safety Expert (AFSE), the highest level of qualification designated by SGS-TÜV.

Becoming an AFSE helps an individual to validate his or her expertise in the area of functional safety. The AFSE certification process begins with a submission of the candidate's CV, which should demonstrate at least 5 years of functional safety experience. Once approved by the SGS-TÜV Saar Testing Commission, participants complete a qualification audit where they discuss their work experience in functional safety, work through an exercise and present their findings, and answer detailed questions about the use and interpretation of ISO 26262. The AFSE certification is made at the discretion of the SGS-TÜV assessor.