

Certified Cider Professional™



CERTIFIED CIDER PROFESSIONAL

Program Materials Usage Agreement

This Rules and Guidelines Agreement ("Agreement") governs the use of copyrighted and proprietary materials associated with the Certified Cider Professional™ program by the American Cider Association ("ACA"). User acknowledges and agrees to comply with the following policies regarding use of program materials, intellectual property, and representation of certification status.

1. Ownership of Intellectual Property

All Certified Cider Professional™ program materials are the exclusive intellectual property of the American Cider Association, including but not limited to:

- Study guides
- Structured Sensory Analysis (SSA) materials
- Exam content and scoring rubrics
- Instructor slide decks and teaching materials
- Logos, certification marks, and trademarks
- Digital downloads and proprietary frameworks

These materials are protected under United States copyright and trademark law and international intellectual property treaties.

No ownership rights are transferred to candidates, instructors, or credential holders.

2. Permitted Use of Program Materials

Users may:

- Use program materials for personal study and professional development
- Reference concepts learned through certification in professional settings
- List their credential accurately on resumes, business materials, and social media
- Use official ACA certification marks only in accordance with ACA branding guidelines

Users may not:

- Copy, reproduce, distribute, share, sell, or publish program materials in whole or in part
- Upload materials to shared drives, websites, social media, AI platforms, or training portals
- Teach from, replicate, or adapt proprietary slides or curriculum without written authorization
- Create derivative works substantially based on ACA proprietary frameworks

3. Authorized Instruction and Training

Only individuals formally authorized in writing by the American Cider Association may:

- Teach official Certified Cider Professional™ curriculum
- Conduct exam preparation courses using ACA proprietary materials
- Market courses as “official” or “ACA approved”

Users who wish to teach or develop educational programming must ensure their materials are independently created and do not replicate ACA proprietary content.

4. Prohibited Conduct

Grounds for disciplinary action include:

- Unauthorized reproduction or distribution of materials
- Misrepresentation of certification status
- Use of certification to promote unsafe or unlawful practices
- Commercial exploitation of ACA proprietary frameworks

The ACA reserves the right to investigate suspected violations and take appropriate action, including suspension or revocation of certification.

5. Enforcement and Remedies

Violation of this Agreement may result in:

- Immediate revocation of certification
- Removal from ACA public credential listings
- Legal action for copyright or trademark infringement
- Financial damages where applicable