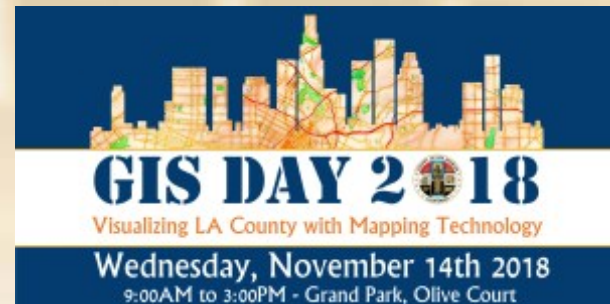




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GISP: The Road to Your Certification

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WHY CERTIFY ?



Obstacles



- “I have a PHD. I don’t need to be certified.”
- “Even non power users can get a GISP!”
- “I want to get my GISP. How can I contribute?”
- "I'm just a student..."

Keep listening...



Compare:

Not a
GISP

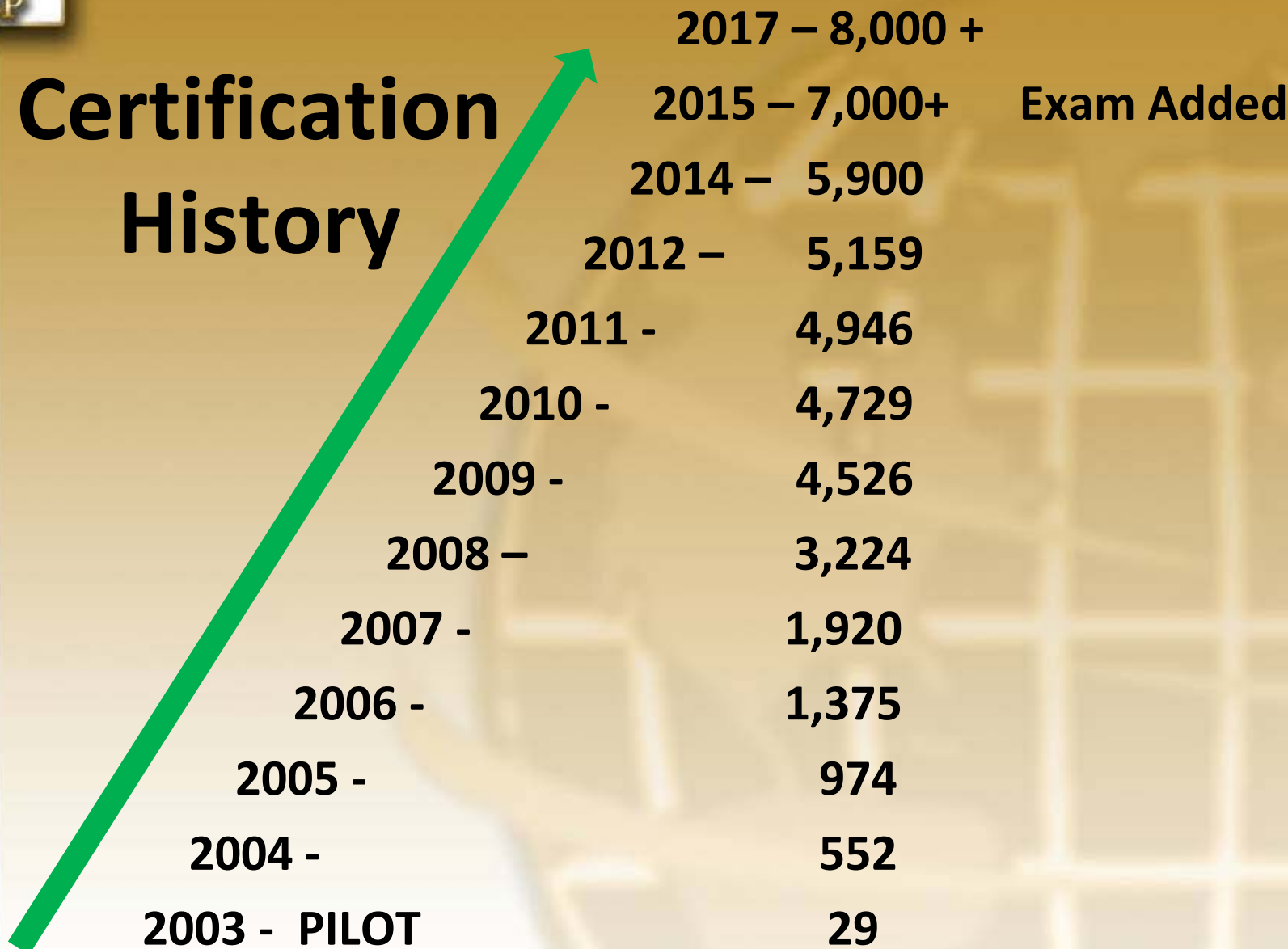
GISP

- **Ethics**
- **Continuing Ed**
- **Contributions**
- **Verified**





Certification History





The Road to Your Certification

- **Meet the GISCI**
- GISP Current Process
- The Exam
- Future Direction



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Meet the GISC

Member Organizations





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Meet the GISCI Strategic Partners





Meet the GISCI Outreach Committee

- Largest Special Committee
- Marketing Strategy
- Collective Advice to the Board
- GISCI Map Contest
- GISP Ambassador Project



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GISP Current Process

First Time Certification

- **Ethics Statement**
- **Portfolio Application**
 - Education
 - Experience
 - Contributions
- **Exam**
 - GISCI Geospatial Core Technical Knowledge



GISP Current Process

Initial GISP Cost:

- Application Fee - \$ 100
- Portfolio Review Fee - \$ 100
- Exam Fee - \$ 250
- Exam Fee - \$ 300 International



GISP Current Process

GISP Renewal

- 3 Year Recertification Period
- Exam Not Required
- Portfolio Requirement:
 - Continuing Education
 - Contributions
 - Experience



GISP Current Process

Recertification Costs:

- Maintenance Fee
 - \$ 95 per year or
 - \$ 285 Three Years' One-Time-Payment



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Why Have an Exam?

- Measurable Competency
- Increased Visibility
- Increased Student Participation
- Basis For More Specialized Certifications

More companies are recognizing the GISP as a preferred credential.

(Your experience may vary.)



Exam Info Page - GISCI

- Visit gisci.org/ExamInfo
- Exam Candidate Manual - Printable, 'Get-Started'
- Exam Dates and Locations





Exam Info

Full Details – Visit gisci.org/ExamInfo

Knowledge Category	Percent of Score
Conceptual Foundations	12%
Cartography & Visualization	14%
GIS Design Aspects & Data Modeling	29%
GIS Analytical Methods	17%
Data Manipulation	15%
Geospatial Data	13%



Exam Prep Page - GISCI

Remember, applicants are encouraged to:

- Be responsible for their own self discipline and study
- Refer to previous course materials and textbooks
- Search the web for KSA materials
- Focus on the 44 KSAs covered, not the entire geo world!
- GISCI does not endorse any official exam prep materials,

- However...



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Visit the [GISCI Exam Preparation Info Page](#)

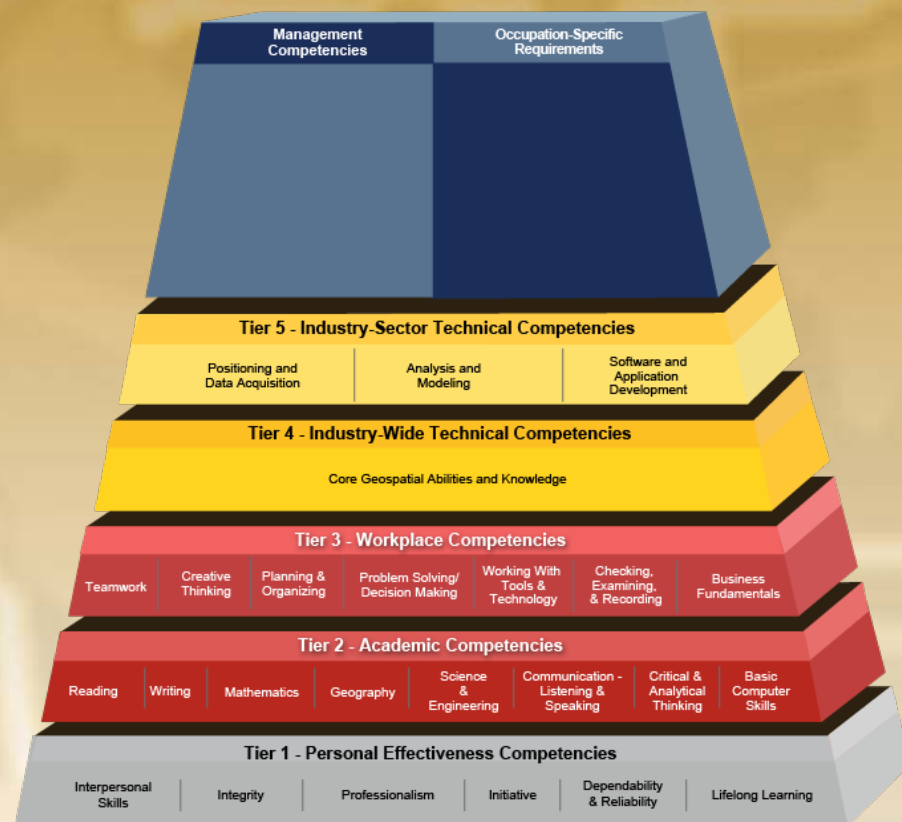
- [Exam Candidate Manual](#)
- [GISCI Practice Exam](#)
- [Updated Unofficial Exam Study Guide](#)
- [TeachMeGIS](#)
- [GeoTech Center](#)
- URISA Workshops (urisa.org)



Exam Prep

geotechcenter.org

- [Personal Assessment Tool](#)



Geospatial Technology Competency Model



Advice for Students

- Start a profile on LinkedIn
- GISCI Exam = Differentiate yourself
- Join an association while in school
- URISA Exam Prep Workshops
- Attend GIS User Groups
- GISP - Rite of Passage
- Learn to Code



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Future Direction

- **Exam Maintenance & Updating**
- **GISP Certification Specializations**
- **International Growth**
- **New Member Organizations?**
- **Increased participation - 20,000 GISPs by 2024?**



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