

Process for Participating in ACE Certification PGA Testing

1. Confirm your software is set up to test in the CBP ACE Certification (CERT) environment.
 - If you are a filer, check with your software vendor to see if you have this capability.
 - If you are a self-filer or software vendor that already tests in ACE CERT, you are set up to file PGA data in CERT.
2. Contact the following individuals to setup a new CERT account, or confirm your existing CERT account is set up to allow for PGA testing.
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In your e-mail please include the following information:

1. Filer code
2. Filer name
3. Port code(s) you intend to test with
4. Vendor Name (or self-programmer)
5. Company point of contact: name, email, and phone number

A CBP Client Representative will set up your account profile in the ACE CERT environment, as necessary. Once the account is activated for entry filing a filer will be notified and able to submit data for all pilot PGAs.

3. Work with CBP to create the flat-file that contains Entry data and PGA data for submission.

Submissions must conform to the CATAIR message specification for the Entry, and the PGA Message Set message specification, as well as any Supplemental Guidance documents. Any questions related to the supplemental guides should be referred to the appropriate PGA point of contact located in the [PGA Pilot Points of Contact. Please refer to the ACE PGA information at CBP.gov/ace-pga.](#)
4. Vendor/filer would then submit the file to the Certification environment.