

Asian Captive Elephant Standards (ACES)

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ASSESSMENT AND CERTIFICATION

	ASSESSMENT	CERTIFICATION
Company in charge	 Asian Captive Elephant Standards (ACES)	
Website	www.elephantstandards.com	
Purpose	Evaluation of the elephant welfare, staff well-being and client safety	Formal recognition of compliance with standards
Outcome documents	1. Performance dashboard 2. Assessor checklist (camp only) 3. Action Plan (if needed/camp only)	1. Performance dashboard 2. Auditor checklist 3. Certificate (Bronze, Silver, Gold, Conservation).
Conducted by	Authorized ACES auditor only	
Frequency	Every year	
Follow-up	Voluntary actions based on an action plan	Required improvements for maintaining certification
Length of service	One full day	
Content of the service	Meeting with the staff, the management, and the veterinarian, document checking, visit to the facility, and monitoring of activities with clients	
Reference standards	Asian Captive Elephant Standards mandatory criteria	Asian Captive Elephant Standards mandatory and advanced criteria
Mandatory Criteria 127	Target = 75% in each category + Full compliance with the 35 non-negotiable criteria.	Target = 100% in each category
Advanced Criteria 67	Not included in the final score	Used to determine certification level (Bronze, Silver, Gold)
Conservation Criteria	Not included in the final score	Mandatory for Conservation level
Fees	1500 USD	From 2400 to 3000 USD, depending on the number of elephants