

The Vetiver Network (TVN) Certification of Technical Excellence

The purpose of “Certification of Technical Excellence” certificates is twofold:

- (1) Recognition of high quality work and demonstration of a high level of knowledge in specific areas of the Vetiver System technology; and
- (2) Classification of the certified person and the relevant area of excellence in order to make it easier for potential clients to know what area of excellence the certified person has actually achieved and has capability.

Certification at any level means that the person certified has good basic knowledge of the Vetiver System and is qualified in basic technical elements of design, application, and propagation/multiplication; and has proven capability of technical excellence of at least one of the following five areas of application: **soil & moisture conservation** (on-farm and/or off-farm, watershed protection); **bio-engineering** (roads, embankments, large-scale construction, waterway protection); **environmental management** (waste water, pollution control, water quality, site remediation, disturbed land reclamation, carbon sequestration); **alternative uses** (handicrafts, medicinal uses); and **research**. In addition we have now created a distinct class for **growers of quality vetiver plant material**.

There are three classes of technical certification:

Class 1 Qualified and proficient at the highest level in all aspects of Vetiver Systems Technology. Qualified in at least three areas of specific applications. The specific applications will be listed on the certificate. In addition Class 1 certification would include a proven capability to fully design, cost, and implement Vetiver Systems programs; and have capability to plan and manage training and technical information programs.

Class 2 Qualified and proficient in at least two areas of specific applications. The specific applications will be listed on the certificate. In addition Class 2 certification would include a capability to fully design, cost, and implement Vetiver System programs.

Class 3 Qualified and proficient in at least one area of specific application. The specific application will be listed on the certificate.

***Plant Material Class** Proficient in the production of quality vetiver plant material. Holders of this certificate would have to demonstrate (photos) standard nursery practice, slip selection, bundling, handling and marketing. They would also have to show that the plant material is non fertile.

The initial certification will be provided by TVN on a no fee basis, based on information supplied by the certificate holder and confirmed by representatives of TVN. Any change of certification (from one class to another) would require a fee in local or foreign currency equivalent of US \$10.

The Vetiver Network reserves all rights to change from time to time the classes and requirements of certification, certification fees, and limit the numbers of certified persons. TVN will maintain a register of those certified that will be published and updated from time to time on TVN’s website at <http://www.vetiver.org>.

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