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## Introduction to IACPE:

The **International Arabic Calligraphy Proficiency Exam (IACPE)** is a globally recognized certification exam developed by the University of Arabic Calligraphy (UAC). This exam evaluates and certifies the proficiency of calligraphers in various traditional Arabic scripts. The IACPE upholds the highest standards of Arabic calligraphy and fosters the promotion and preservation of this cultural art form worldwide.

## Goals of the IACPE:

- To assess and certify the artistic and technical skills of calligraphers in Arabic script.
- To establish international standards for excellence in Arabic calligraphy.
- To enhance the understanding of the cultural and historical significance of Arabic scripts.
- To support the development of emerging calligraphy talents through rigorous evaluation and constructive feedback.

## Exam Structure:

The **IACPE** consists of two main components: Practical and Theoretical.

### 1. Practical Examination:

Conducted by the **Global Calligraphy Assessment and Quality Assurance Department, "GCAQA"** the Practical Examination requires candidates to create calligraphy pieces in multiple styles, including:

- **Naskh:** Known for its clarity and readability, often used in book and manuscript writing.
- **Thuluth:** A decorative script noted for its flowing curves and large, intricate forms.
- **Ruqaa:** A simple, compact script used in everyday writing.
- **Diwani:** An ornate and intricate script historically used in Ottoman court documents.

This examination assesses the candidates' mastery of traditional calligraphy tools (pens, inks, and paper), adherence to the specific rules of each script, and their overall artistic expression.

### 2. Theoretical Examination:

- Covers the history, cultural context, and aesthetic principles of Arabic calligraphy.
- Tests candidates' understanding of the rules, characteristics, and structures of various script styles, including letter forms, spacing, and composition.

## Assessment Criteria:

The **IACPE** employs a comprehensive set of criteria to evaluate participants:

- **Accuracy:** Precision in letterforms, script rules, and correct proportions.
- **Technique:** Proficiency in the use of traditional calligraphy tools and materials.
- **Creativity:** Artistic expression within the framework of traditional forms.
- **Presentation:** Overall quality, composition, and layout of the final piece.
- **Knowledge:** Understanding of the cultural and historical context of Arabic calligraphy.

## Certification Levels:

The **IACPE** awards three levels of certification:

1. **Master Calligrapher:** Reserved for those demonstrating exceptional skill and extensive knowledge in all tested areas.
2. **Advanced Calligrapher:** Given to those with a high level of proficiency and understanding of the scripts.
3. **Proficient Calligrapher:** Granted to candidates meeting the basic standards of calligraphic skill and knowledge.

## Eligibility and Application:

- Open to all individuals worldwide, regardless of prior experience.
- Candidates must submit an online application, including a portfolio showcasing their calligraphy work.
- Deadlines, fees, and application instructions are provided on the [UAC website](#).

## Exam Preparation Resources:

UAC provides various resources to help candidates prepare for the exam, including:

- **Online Courses and Webinars:** Covering fundamentals of different Arabic scripts.
- **Workshops:** Led by master calligraphers for hands-on practice.
- **Study Guides:** Detailed guides outlining the exam content, rules, and preparation tips.

## Benefits of IACPE Certification:

- **International Recognition:** Validates calligraphic skills and establishes credibility globally.
- **Career Advancement:** Opens opportunities in fields such as design, education, art restoration, and cultural preservation.
- **Networking Opportunities:** Connects certified calligraphers, institutions, and enthusiasts.
- **Contribution to Cultural Heritage:** Supports global efforts to preserve and promote the art of Arabic calligraphy.

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## Examination Dates and Locations:

- Annual Exam: Conducted several per year with both in-person and online options.
- Exam Centers: Available in various cities worldwide, along with remote examination options.

## Certification Validity:

- Certificates are valid for life, with periodic updates or renewals to ensure continued proficiency.
- Issued electronically with a unique verification code for authenticity.

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