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Welcome to the first ICC Certification News!

This quarterly newsletter is designed to provide you with ongoing news, updates and information surrounding ICC's professional certification and contractor/trades examination programs. In addition, it will include features on industry issues and events, trends and even provide you an opportunity to meet and hear from like-minded professionals!

We all know the importance of a professional credential, particularly in the wake of disasters such as Hurricane Katrina. As the Gulf Coast rebuilds, we are reminded of how much the public relies on your individual commitment to safeguarding their health, safety and welfare. Highly knowledgeable design, construction and inspection professionals like you can help communities build and rebuild safe homes, businesses and recreation facilities.

The public needs all of you – both inspectors and contractors – as well as your continued commitment to a safer and healthier national community.

ICC is committed to keeping you current on professional credentialing opportunities and requirements, serving as a resource to help you demonstrate personal and professional commitment to public safety and enhancing your professional stature.

We hope you find this newsletter a valuable resource of information.

Sincerely,
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Professional Code of Ethics



To view this document online, go to www.iccsafe.org/certification/pdf/Code_of_Ethics.pdf.

WHAT'S NEW

UST Certification Jump Starts EPA-Mandated Training

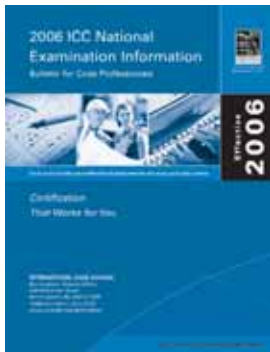
In August 2007, the EPA will require state environmental protection departments to develop state-specific training guidelines for the operation and maintenance of federally regulated underground storage tanks (USTs) in order to receive federal funding.



You can establish these guidelines now with the ICC UST/AST Certification Program. This certification program complies with national standards and can be used to meet EPA-mandated state licensing requirements. The comprehensive program tests the knowledge of UST operators, technicians and inspectors about laws, regulations and standards needed to

Powerful Proof of Achievement/ ICC Certification

A list of all certification categories is available at www.iccsafe.org/certification/professional.html.



Certification Renewal

Is your certification about to expire?

Renew at www.iccsafe.org/certification/renewals/index.html.



Earn CEUs Online

ICC's Online Renewal Updates is a new way to earn the 0.5 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) needed to renew ICC certification.

For more information and to register, visit www.iccsafe.org/certification/renewals/index.html.

Online Practice Makes Perfect

Practice for certification exams with ease and convenience through the ICCcampus.org online training site.

For a complete listing of ICC online courses available, visit www.icccampus.org.

Model Program for Special Inspection

To find out how to best implement your organization's special inspection certification program, download the Model Program for Special Inspection available at www.ecodes.biz/product.cfm?category_id=15&cat_type=free.

oversee equipment and protect the environment from hazardous leakage of underground tanks.

For more information about the UST/AST Certification Program, visit www.iccsafe.org/news/nr/2005/1205UST.html.

ICC Announces Masonry Alliance

Through a strategic alliance with ICC, The Masonry Society (TMS) has agreed to co-sponsor the Structural Masonry Special Inspectors certification examination.



Vern Petersen, ICC National Manager of Special Inspector Certification Programs noted: "This agreement recognizes TMS's assistance with the maintenance of the exam, provides TMS increased exposure, and helps ICC ensure the examination is both pertinent to the needs to the masonry industry and accurate."

EXAM ROOM

News about ICC Certification Opportunities

New Welding Exam Offers Greater Depth

As per the recommendations of the ICC Certification Exam Development Committee for Structural Steel and Welding and industry requests, the ICC now offers the Structural Welding Special Inspector (S2) exam.



This exam specifically focuses on weld procedures and quality not covered in depth in the existing Structural Steel and Welding Special Inspector (85) exam. Those that pass demonstrate competence in welding procedures and quality, code knowledge and structural plan reading.

Vern Petersen, Senior Certifications Program Administrator, notes, "We've effectively filled a gap in industry certification. Now owners, building officials, engineers and those that employ special inspectors can be assured that certified welding inspectors have the technical background and on-sight knowledge to effectively inspect any structural welding job."

Also available is the Structural Steel and Bolting Special Inspector (S1) exam, which replaces that portion of the existing Structural Steel and Welding Special Inspector (85) exam that covered erection and bolting of structural steel.

Petersen adds, "The S1 exam is a prerequisite for the Structural Welding (S2) exam. Throughout, it focuses on special inspector activities associated with erection of structural steel and the bolted connections that includes a structural plan reading component assessment."

The two new exams Structural Steel and Bolting (S1) and Structural Welding (S2) will become the national exams for ICC Certification for steel erection and bolting and weld inspection in structures requiring special inspection. Beginning January 1, 2007, the existing Structural Steel and Welding exam (85) will become a legacy exam for those in jurisdictions needing special inspection certification to both the International Building Code and the Uniform Building Code as needed.

For further information regarding these exams, visit www.iccsafe.org/certification/pdf/2006NationalCertificateCandidateBulletin.pdf.

Veteran Reimbursement

The Montgomery G. I. Bill repays qualified military service veterans for the cost of ICC exams taken after January 2003. These benefits cover the cost of the exam, whether the recipient passes or fails. Applicants can request reimbursement for multiple certifications.

For more information or to find out more about the G.I. Bill advantages, go to www.iccsafe.org/news/nr/2004/040106VA-veterans.pdf.

ICC Vision

Protecting the health, safety and welfare of people by creating better buildings and safer communities.

ICC Mission Statement

Providing the highest quality codes, standards, products, and services for all concerned with the safety and performance of the built environment.

Not an ICC Member?

Benefits of ICC membership include expert code support services, opinions or technical assistance from experienced engineers and architects. To find out more, visit www.iccsafe.org/membership.

ICC Contact Information

ICC toll-free number — 1-888-ICC-SAFE (422-7233)

By dialing this toll-free number, you can reach: Headquarters and Birmingham, Chicago and Los Angeles District Offices

Membership x33804
Training x33818
IT Product Support x33822
Building Safety Journal™ x5248
Code Opinions x33807
Government Relations x6239
Plan Review x33809
Contractor Examinations x33805
Product Orders/Customer x33801
National Certification Program x33806

You can also reach the following departments and subsidiaries directly:

Product Orders/Customer Service
1-800-786-4452

International Accreditation Service, Inc.
1-866-427-4422

ICC Evaluation Services, Inc.
1-800-423-6587

ICC Foundation 1-513-574-0957

Responding Effectively in the Face of Disaster

When disaster strikes, communities look to inspection agencies to assess the safety of structures following disasters and begin the road to recovery. The ICC has introduced the Disaster Response Inspector Certification Exam to ensure that inspectors have the most current knowledge and comprehensive expertise to complete this critical task well.

The certification exam tests an inspector's ability to inspect, evaluate and document structural damage. The exam focuses on a range of critical duties, key site assessment criteria and a number of oft-forgotten related duties required of an inspector at such a critical juncture in a community's recovery.

For more information about this exam and a complete list of exam requirements, go to www.iccsafe.org/certification.

Are Your Inspectors Ready for Another Wet Year?

ICC has developed the Coastal and Flood Plain Construction Inspector Certification, a nationally recognized certification that provides state and local regulators an added layer of protection to coastal developments and communities within designated flood plain zones.



Photo by: Liz Roll

Individuals earning the Coastal and Flood Plain Construction Inspector Certification are able to inspect coastal homes and businesses to ensure that they meet code requirements, including special requirements in high-wind zones. These inspectors quickly and effectively assess the damage caused by hurricanes or flood to determine the safety and stability of homes and businesses.

For more information about this certification, contact Jim Slaght at 1-888-ICC-SAFE (422-7233), x5221.

Coming Soon

Exam References to Change to 2006 I-Codes

The ICC's Examination Development Committees are updating all certification exams to meet the 2006 I-Codes. The updates will be complete by early 2007.

If you are planning to take one or more of the examinations during the first part of 2007, visit www.iccsafe.org/certification to access the most current information. Current exams reference the 2003 I-Codes.

Featured References & Study Guides

The following textbook is required for those preparing to take the Certified Building Official Legal/Management Examination:

Legal Aspects of Code Administration

Textbook details the legal aspects of the profession in logical sequence with explanation of legal terminology.

List \$38 Member \$28
Item #1007S01

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Legal Aspects of Code Administration Guidebook

This guidebook serves as a companion to the Legal Aspects of Code Administration textbook. List \$20 Member \$15 Item #1008S01

To order these books, contact ICC at 800-786-4452 or visit www.iccsafe.org/e/category.html.

CONTRACTOR'S CORNER

New Computer-Based Exam Registration Procedures

Beginning August 1, 2006, candidates registering for contractor trade computer-based examinations will contact LaserGrade directly.

Through the new streamlined process, candidates call LaserGrade at 800-211-2753 to register and pay exam fees. All candidates will need the appropriate three-digit exam code available from the ICC Candidate Bulletin at www.iccsafe.org/contractor or by contacting ICC at 877-783-3926.

MASTER CODE PROFESSIONAL SPOTLIGHT

A Young Mover and Shaker

For Caleb Sulzen, passing the ICC's Master Code Professional (MCP) exam is one key step in his overall career goals to better serve his community.

Caleb is a building inspector in Louisa County, Virginia, a rural community located about 50 miles from Richmond, Virginia. In early 2006, at the age of 24, Caleb completed his MCP certification, the highest level of certification that can be attained under the ICC Certification Program.



When asked why this certification is important to him, Caleb responded, "I'm a little younger than most inspectors, so I think it's even more important for me to demonstrate competence. I know I get more respect from those I work with because I have the MCP certification and have the desire and drive to continually learn more."

Caleb is one of four combination inspectors in the county that handle both commercial and residential inspections. He believes the MCP certification is just the beginning. Caleb's goal is to become a building official within the next 5-6 years.

1st Quarter 2006 MCP Certifications

Congratulations to the following individuals who earned the Master Code Professional (MCP) certification between January and March 2006:

Michael W. Doughty – Gainesville, Texas
Gerald A. Keys – Peotone, Illinois
Christopher Kiel – Oro Valley, Arizona
Lee R. Ribarich – Johnstown, Pennsylvania
Caleb Sulzen – Louisa County, Virginia