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## WHAT'S NEW

### ICC Certification Exams Changing References to 2006 I-Codes

Effective January 1, 2007, ICC Certification Examinations will reference the 2006 I-Codes. This means that if you will be taking an ICC certification examination between now and December 31, 2006, the exam will reference the 2003 I-Codes. However, if you take an ICC certification examination in 2007, the exam will reference the 2006 I-Codes.



### ICC Certified Fire Marshal Credential Sets National Benchmark

The new ICC Certified Fire Marshal credential sets a benchmark for fire marshal qualification and expertise. Endorsed by the International Fire Code Council, and greatly anticipated in the fire safety community, this is the highest level of ICC professional certification available to the fire industry.

"For years, the industry has had a wide range of definitions for the title of fire marshal," explains Tom Lariviere, Chairman of the International Fire Code Council and Fire Chief for the City of Madison, Mississippi. "With this certification, the industry has a national vehicle to demonstrate fire marshal competence."

For more information about the prestigious ICC Certified Fire Marshal credential, visit [www.iccsafe.org/certification/cfm.html](http://www.iccsafe.org/certification/cfm.html) or call an ICC certification specialist at 1-888-ICC-SAFE (422-7233), x33806.

## INDUSTRY TRENDS

### Canada Presents United Certification Front

As part of an effort to promote a consistent approach and understanding of



code application and increase the level of a building official's professional recognition, the Alliance of Canadian Building Officials' Association (ACBOA) developed a National Model for certification of building officials.

There are three levels of national certification: Residential, Part 9 and Part 3. All three levels have a technical component and practical requirement as well as prerequisite courses, which include a communications course, legal course and introductory building code course. The Residential designation requires a building envelope and health/safety courses. Part 9 designation requires HVAC/Fire, structural and basic plan examination courses. Part 3 designation requires large building health/safety, classification/construction and plan exam strategies courses.

An individual who is certified in all three specialties receives the national designation of Registered Canadian Building Official (RCBO).

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## Professional Code of Ethics



To view this document online, go to [www.iccsafe.org/certification/pdf/Code\\_of\\_Ethics.pdf](http://www.iccsafe.org/certification/pdf/Code_of_Ethics.pdf).

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## Powerful Proof of Achievement/ ICC Certification

A list of all certification categories is available at [www.iccsafe.org/certification/professional.html](http://www.iccsafe.org/certification/professional.html).



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## Certification Renewal

Is your certification about to expire?

For renewal information, visit [www.iccsafe.org/e/mycert.html](http://www.iccsafe.org/e/mycert.html).



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## Earn CEUs Online

Taking an ICC Online Renewal Update is a way to earn 0.5 continuing education units (CEUs) toward renewal of your certification.

For more information and to register for an ICC Online Renewal Update course, visit [www.iccsafe.org/e/mycert.html](http://www.iccsafe.org/e/mycert.html).

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## Online Practice Makes Perfect

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

For a complete listing of ICC online courses, to register for online courses or to view a free demonstration, visit [www.icccampus.org](http://www.icccampus.org). For questions call 1-888-ICC-SAFE (422-7233), x33821.

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## Model Program for Special Inspection

To find out how best to implement your organization's special inspection program, download the Model Program for Special Inspection available at [www.ecodes.biz/product.cfm?category\\_id=15&cat\\_type=free](http://www.ecodes.biz/product.cfm?category_id=15&cat_type=free).

"This is a giant step forward in gaining national recognition of the importance of our jobs," explains Mannie Withrow, ACBOA President. "With this national model, we can ensure reciprocity across every jurisdiction. Down the road, we see this as the foundation for reciprocity agreements with U.S. organizations and European nations."

## EXAM ROOM

### Spotlight on ICC Residential Certifications

Earning ICC professional certification is powerful proof of your commitment to safeguard the public's safety, health and welfare. In fact, 17% of the ICC Residential Building Inspector exam focuses on public safety. Validate your technical expertise and demonstrate your commitment to building safety—earn certification in one or more ICC residential certification categories.



The process is simple:

**Step 1:** Select the certification category and corresponding examination(s) required.

<u>Certification Category</u>	<u>Required Examination(s)</u>
Residential Building Inspector	B1 Residential Building Inspector
Residential Electrical Inspector	E1 Residential Electrical Inspector
Residential Mechanical Inspector	M1 Residential Mechanical Inspector
Residential Plumbing Inspector	P1 Residential Plumbing Inspector
Residential Combination Inspector	B1 Residential Building Inspector, E1 Residential Electrical Inspector, M1 Residential Mechanical Inspector, P1 Residential Plumbing Inspector

**Step 2:** Prepare for the examination(s).

**Step 3:** Register for and pass the examination(s).

For more information on ICC residential inspector certifications and examinations, visit [www.iccsafe.org/certification](http://www.iccsafe.org/certification) or contact an ICC certification specialist at 1-888-ICC-SAFE (422-7233), x33806.

## QUESTIONS OF THE QUARTER

**Q:** If I am certified in a Commercial Inspector category, do I need to be certified in the same category as a Residential Inspector to perform residential inspections?

**A:** Yes. If you hold only the Commercial Inspector certificate, it would be necessary to earn the separate Residential Inspector certificate to perform residential inspections. However, many individuals earn the Residential Certification first and then add the Commercial Certification, thus qualifying them for the "overall" or general certificate. The Residential certification is not a prerequisite for taking the Commercial Inspector exam, and a person could earn the Commercial certificate first.

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## YOU NEED TO KNOW...

### You Earned It...Now Keep It!

Check the renewal date of your certifications. Once you have invested the time, money and effort to earn a prestigious ICC Certification, you will want to keep it current. Renewing your ICC Certification may be far easier than you think.

For example, one way you can accrue required continuing education units (CEUs) is through participation as a student in an institute, seminar or technical session delivered by ICC, an ICC chapter, a related professional society, a state code enforcement licensing agency, a standards writing organization, or any related federally sponsored program. This includes participating in an ICC telephone seminar or taking ICC online courses.

For complete information on renewing your ICC Certification go to [www.iccsafe.org/certification](http://www.iccsafe.org/certification) or contact an ICC certification renewal specialist at 1-888-ICC-SAFE (422-7233), x33815.

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### Attn: All ICC Building and Fire Safety Personnel

Increase potential for career opportunities, demonstrate your high-level knowledge of codes, standards and practices and join an elite group of building and fire safety practitioners by becoming an ICC Master Code Professional (MCP) or an ICC Certified Fire Marshal—the highest level of ICC certifications in the building and fire industry. Becoming an ICC MCP or Certified Fire Marshal is a powerful way to show your personal and professional commitment to serve as a leader in protecting the health, safety and welfare of those in your community.

Take the next step in your career now! For more information on the ICC MCP or ICC Certified Fire Marshal credentials, visit [www.iccsafe.org/certification](http://www.iccsafe.org/certification) or contact an ICC certification specialist at 1-888-ICC-SAFE (422-7233), x33806.

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### Veteran Reimbursement

The Montgomery GI Bill reimburses qualified military service veterans for the cost of many ICC exams taken after January 2003.

For more information about the Montgomery GI Bill, visit [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov).

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### ICC Vision

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

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### ICC Mission

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

For the typical Building, Electrical, Plumbing, and Mechanical inspectors, ICC offers three levels of certification; for example, Residential Building Inspector, Commercial Building Inspector, and Building Inspector. The first two of these three require passing an exam. The third level, titled "Building Inspector," does not require passing an additional exam. An individual who holds active certification as Residential Building Inspector and Commercial Building Inspector qualifies to receive the Building Inspector certificate. The certifications requiring only an application (and not an additional exam) such as Building Inspector are listed on page 19 of the Examination Information Bulletin. These categories are sometimes referred to as "general inspection" categories and are listed under this heading on the Application for Certification Renewal.

**Q:** Does the Commercial Inspector certification exam (for Building, Electrical, Plumbing, or Mechanical) contain questions on residential code provisions?

**A:** Yes. The commercial inspector certification exams contain questions pertaining to code provisions for apartment buildings that would include some residential applications. But those questions are not presented in the context of one- and two-family dwellings. Some exam questions on commercial occupancies could pertain to a residential application. However, the commercial inspector exams are not geared toward one- and two-family dwellings as the residential exams are.

**Have a question?** Send your questions to the editors of Questions of the Quarter at [askcertification@iccsafe.org](mailto:askcertification@iccsafe.org). Only a few questions will be selected for print with response in this newsletter.

## CONTRACTOR'S CORNER

### IDABO Collaborates for Contractors

The Idaho Association of Building Officials (IDABO) has set in motion a statewide licensing program for building contractors. For years, individual cities have facilitated their own individual exams for building contractors in such contractor categories as Building Contractor, Residential Building Contractor, Masonry, Concrete, Roofing, Framing and Drywall Contractor.



In recent months, IDABO and ICC have put together working committees comprised of subject matter experts (SMEs), contractors and building officials to develop the necessary exams. ICC has in place contractor exams for the general building contractor (large structures), building contractor (commercial office and retail), and residential (one- and two-family dwelling) contractor exams. IDABO will use these exams in addition to several new exams developed by the SMEs in the ad-hoc Exam Development Committees (EDC).

To ensure statewide involvement, IDABO hosted committee meetings in three regions of Idaho: north (Coeur d' Alene), southeast (Idaho Falls), and southwest (Boise). Much of the program's success is attributed to the hard work and commitment of individuals like George Klomp, retired building official from Ammon, Idaho. Klomp worked tirelessly to organize and recruit SMEs to serve on EDC committees, among other tasks. The Idaho Building Officials also fully backed the program. In fact, contractor participation proved extraordinarily valuable in helping make the exams "job relevant." Many contractors volunteered one or two days to make this effort a success.

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## Not an ICC Member?

Benefits of ICC membership include expert code support and technical assistance from experienced engineers and architects; discounts on ICC products; and discounts on registration for ICC training, on-site seminars, institutes, telephone seminars and online courses. To find out more about ICC membership, visit [www.iccsafe.org/membership](http://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 ICC headquarters and Birmingham, Chicago and Los Angeles District Offices

Certifications/Certification Exams x33806  
Certification Renewal x33815  
Contractor Trades Exams x33805  
Training and Education x33818  
Membership x33804  
Plan Reviews x33809  
Code Opinions x33807  
Government Relations x6239  
IT Product Support x33822  
Product Orders/Customer Service x33801

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

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IDABO expects these exams to be available in early 2007.

At the the ICC Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida, IDABO received a prestigious Chapter Merit Award. Board Member Ed Berkel, Chairman of the Awards Committee, presented the award to Paul Aston, IDABO President. Among the IDABO accomplishments cited by Mr. Berkel was the implementation of the statewide contractor licensing system.



At the ICC Annual Conference, Paul Aston, (Left) IDABO President, receives Chapter Merit Award from Board Member Ed Berkel, Chairman of the Awards Committee

## The Code and the Contractor

Did you know ICC Contractor Trades Examinations test knowledge of legally adopted building codes?

In fact, ICC Contractor Trades Examinations emphasize building codes and standards that address critical life safety requirements as well as actual job responsibilities for a defined contractor trade skill.

For information about ICC's nationally recognized Contractor Trades Examination Services for Licensing Agencies, contact ICC at 1-888-ICC-SAFE (422-7233), x33805.

## MASTER CODE PROFESSIONAL SPOTLIGHT

### Soucy Earns Top ICC Building and Fire Credentials

Congratulations Bruce! For Bruce Soucy, Building Inspector for the City of Henderson, Nevada, knowledge is the basis for delivering quality. In the past year, he has earned the ICC Master Code Professional (MCP) designation and is among the first to obtain the new ICC Certified Fire Marshal credential. In fact, to date, Bruce has earned 40+ certifications!



Bruce explains, "I strongly believe that to do my job effectively, I need to see the whole picture, how every element interrelates, from planning to permitting to inspection to occupancy. These ICC certifications help me do my job better and give me insight to the coordination between divisions and departments working collaboratively toward the same goal."

If you have what it takes to earn the prestigious ICC Master Code Professional and/or Certified Fire Marshal credential, visit [www.iccsafe.org/certification](http://www.iccsafe.org/certification) or call an ICC certification specialist at 1-888-ICC-SAFE (422-7233), x33806.

## 17 Receive ICC Master Code Professional (MCP) Designation

Congratulations to the following individuals who earned the prestigious ICC MCP credential between May and August 2006:

**Robert E. Chandler**—  
Tucson, AZ

**Wayne Barnhill Jr.**—  
North Charleston, SC

**Curtis S. Bennett**—Irmo, SC

**Emil J. Brady**—Tallahassee, FL

**Gregory D. Hallmark**—  
Kingsland, TX

**Paul O. Smoot**—Burleson, TX

**George B. Davis Jr.**—  
Stockton, CA

**Dan L. Kelly**—Rhome, TX

**Thomas F. McCosby**—  
New Castle, PA

**Joseph W. Sadler**—  
Las Vegas, NV

**Allen J. Smith**—  
Lincolnshire, IL

**Gregory W. Anderson**—  
Fredericksburg, TX

**Ralph DiPietro**—  
Philadelphia, PA

**Randy B. Maurer**—Ephrata, PA

**Robert T. Stetson**—Rocklin, CA

**Kevin L. Wilson**—  
Pittsburgh, PA

**Donna M. Weaver**—  
Allentown, PA