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WHAT'S NEW

Ohio Sets Stage for Manufactured Homes Licensing and Certification Program

Per the Federal Manufactured Homes Improvement Act of 2000, HUD will be requiring all states to adopt standards for the installation of Manufactured Homes. The State of Ohio Manufactured Homes Commission has set out to develop one of the first statewide programs for both licensing installers and certifying inspectors. The Commission contracted with the ICC Certification and Testing Department to develop the state licensing and certification exams.

Julie N. Combs, Executive Director for State of Ohio Manufactured Homes Commission, says, "This is an historic move for the state of Ohio. The decision to require the inspection of manufactured home installations statewide represents the first time Ohio has implemented a statewide inspection program for residential inspections. We believe this licensing and certification program for installers and inspectors of manufactured homes both levels the playing field and raises the bar, setting a new standard for quality and safety."

The exam development is expected to be complete and available to Ohio-based manufactured home installers by late spring of this year. For more information, please contact Earl Colvin at 1-888-422-7233 x5208.

Pictured (from left to right):

Back row - Walter Chaney; Jim Bax; Julie Combs, Executive Director, State of Ohio Manufactured Homes Commission; Tom Maloney, BI & ESI Supervisor, Warren County, Ohio; Thomas Gladd, Assistant CBO, Trumbull County Ohio; Karen Ash, Ohio Bureau of Environmental Health, ODH; and, Bill Williams, Warren County Ohio.

Front Row - John Humphrey, CBO Retired from City of Fairborn, OH; Dianne Roller, ODH Ohio Health Department; Tim Wakeley, Union County, OH Inspector.



Interest Continues to Grow in MCP Certification

As construction projects continue to grow in complexity and size, materials become increasingly sophisticated, and owners and operators drive for speed to market, the role of the building code professional becomes increasingly critical.

The more knowledge, training and experience these individuals have, the better they will be able to protect the public by demanding safe building practices. Some industry analysts believe this is the reason for the growing interest in the ICC Master Code Professional (MCP) certification, the ICC's most prestigious certification.

Carol Mudrick, Manager of Renewals for ICC, says, "I'm receiving more requests for information about the MCP certification than I have in the past, particularly from those that are responsible for the technical and management aspects of code enforcement. Individuals seeking this certification want to demonstrate their

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?

For renewal information, visit www.iccsafe.org/certification/renewals/.



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.

Online Practice Makes Perfect

Practice for ICC certification exams with ease and convenience through the ICCampus.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. For questions call 1-888-ICC-SAFE (422-7233), x33821.

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_details.cfm?product_id=mpsi_free.

professional commitment and knowledge of the various construction regulatory codes, standards, and practices."

Currently, there are fewer than 500 MCPs in the United States. These elite individuals represent the best of the best in the building code profession, individuals that for personal and/or professional reasons sought to achieve the highest certification in their industry. Earning MCP certification requires as many or more than 17 prerequisite exams. Once that goal is achieved, an MCP must take an additional 45 hours of CE units over the course of three years to maintain active status.

Those that have achieved the MCP certification agree that it is more than just a box to check for professional growth; it is, in fact, a demonstration of their professional commitment to public safety through application and administration of the latest industry building codes.

EXAM ROOM

Spotlight on Special Inspection Certifications

Recognizing the need for support of its member building departments across the U.S. in meeting the requirements of IBC Section 1704, the ICC offers certification and accreditation programs to identify proficient individuals and organizations that perform Special Inspections.



ICC Special Inspections Certification Programs require individuals seeking certification as special inspectors to have demonstrated a level of proficiency in a manner that will protect the safety and welfare of the public. Individuals may achieve certification through ICC by passing written exams. Some certifications require experience in the profession and, or, other prerequisites. Organizations that employ special inspectors and provide inspection services to the building industry can gain accreditation by the International Accreditation Service (www.iasonline.org), a subsidiary of ICC. Currently, ICC offers the following individual certification exams for special inspectors:

Exam Number - Exam Name

- 47 - REINFORCED CONCRETE SPECIAL INSPECTOR
- 92 - PRESTRESSED CONCRETE SPECIAL INSPECTOR
- 84 - STRUCTURAL MASONRY SPECIAL INSPECTOR
- S1 - STRUCTURAL STEEL AND BOLTING SPECIAL INSPECTOR
- S2 - STRUCTURAL WELDING SPECIAL INSPECTOR
- 86 - SPRAY-APPLIED FIREPROOFING SPECIAL

For more information on ICC Special Inspection Certifications and examinations, visit www.iccsafe.org/certification or contact an ICC Certifications specialist at 1-888-ICC-SAFE (422-7233), ext. 33806.

Veteran Reimbursement

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

Veterans who take International Code Council Professional Certification examinations continue to be eligible for reimbursement of test fees.

ICC's Fay Godsey is now the point person to coordinate this service to veterans. Ms. Godsey can be reached at 888.422.7233 x-5232, and at fgodsey@iccsafe.org

For additional information about the Montgomery GI Bill, visit www.gibill.va.gov.

ICC Vision

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

ICC Mission

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 and technical assistance from experienced engineers and architects; discounts on ICC products; 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

ICC Contact Information

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

By dialing this toll-free number, you can reach:

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Certifications and Certification Exams x33806
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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

QUESTIONS OF THE QUARTER

Q: What are considered acceptable continuing education and professional development activities

A: Training, education or other endeavors wherein the objective includes achieving relevant professional knowledge, skills and abilities beyond those required for initial certification. This is a voluntary professional credential in which you are responsible for deciding what professional development is appropriate for your needs. When you submit your certification renewal form, you are signing an affidavit confirming that all the information is accurate and true. You must retain the documentation for three years from the date the renewal is requested. It must be submitted upon an audit request.

Q: What are the approved references for the National Contractor exams?

A: The list of updated references is available at the ICC web site (www.iccsafe.org/contractor) or by contacting ICC at 1-877-783-3926 and request a bulletin. ICC does not offer practice exams or courses, though it does offer courses based on study references-code books -- but the courses are not offered for the examinations. They may be of some assistance to you but, keep in mind that they are not offered specifically for contractor examinations.

CONTRACTOR'S CORNER

Idaho Hearth Insert Contractors Ready for New Exam

At the request of the Hearth Installers of Idaho, the Idaho State HVAC Board has elected to issue an HVAC Hearth Specialty Journeyman license for those that specialize in the installation of fireplace and hearth inserts.

As part of this license, the Idaho Division of Building & Safety and the HVAC Board has elected to use an ICC licensing exam to evaluate fireplace and hearth insert contractors. According to the Idaho requirements, the HVAC Hearth Specialty Journeymen must complete an approved examination designated by the board. That test is currently under development by ICC in cooperation with subject matter experts selected by the Idaho Division of Building & Safety and the Hearth Installers of Idaho.

Al Caine, Licensing & Compliance Manager for the Idaho Division of Building Safety, explains, "We are looking for a practical and affordable solution, one that takes into account experience as well as theoretical knowledge. A key part of this development process is the interaction with hearth contractors. We want expert contractors to help us develop a viable test, one that effectively demonstrates the knowledge of the codes, safety procedures and the practical application of hearths."

Idaho expects to have this test available by Fall 2007.



YOU NEED TO KNOW...

I-Code References for 2007 Certification Examinations

Remember, if you will be taking an ICC certification exam anytime during 2007 that has an I-Code reference it will be the 2006 edition of the I-Code. For example, the I-Code reference for the Residential Building Inspector examination is the *International Residential Code®* (IRC®). This means the Residential Building Inspector exam content will be based on the 2006 edition of the IRC.

Have a question or business lead?

Submit business leads or questions for follow-up through the following online link: <http://www2.iccsafe.org/survey/leads.htm>

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PROFESSIONAL SPOTLIGHT

Washington's Jerry Berndt Joins Prestigious MCP List

He's a leader in national building code development, an energetic and active mentor, and a highly trained building code professional that continually seeks ways to increase his knowledge and better protect the community he represents. Jerry Berndt, Plans Examiner for the Building Division of the City of SeaTac, Washington, exemplifies our industry's best-of-the-best.



Jerry has been involved in the construction industry for over 30 years in various positions from contractor to inspector. He teaches Washington State Continuing Education Courses on electrical inspections and review. Jerry is also currently a member of the International Association of Electrical Inspectors (IAEI), on the ICC International Residential Code interpretation committee, regularly attends the ICC Code Development hearings, and is a voting member for his jurisdiction. To-date, he holds over 25 ICC code official certifications. He was recently honored by the IAEI for his contributions to the electrical industry. The ICC also appointed Jerry to the 2007 Electrical Exam Development Committee.

Among other honors and achievements, Jerry recently earned the prestigious Master Code Professional (MCP) certification, the highest certification available in the industry. He is only the second individual in the state of Washington to receive the MCP certification. When asked what the MCP certification means to him, Jerry replied, "I believe it's critical that I demonstrate to my superiors, peers and the community my personal and professional commitment to public safety. The MCP certification reflects that commitment."

Jerry's commitment to the profession is truly extraordinary. The ICC congratulates Jerry on earning his MCP certification and for his dedication to public safety.

ICC Master Code Professionals

Congratulations to the following individuals who recently earned the ICC Master Code Professional credential:

Jerry W. Berndt –
Everett, Washington

Wayne M. Clark –
Port Reading, New Jersey

Jeffrey A. Dean –
Indianapolis, Indiana

William H. Hudson –
Countryside, Illinois

Michael McCullogh –
Sparks, Nevada

Ira D. Neff, Jr. –
Front Royal, Virginia

Steve M. Baker –
Cumming, Georgia

Terry W. Clanton –
Conyers, Georgia

William L. King –
Herndon, Virginia

Roger P. Molina –
Mundelein, Illinois

Ivan Sucic –
Chardon, Ohio

Mark D. Black –
Monroe, Georgia

Thomas D. Nowroski –
Mount Carmel, Pennsylvania

Larry C. Beem –
Oak View, California

ICC Certified Fire Marshals

Congratulations to the following individuals who recently earned the ICC Certified Fire Marshal credential:

Ken R. Brouillette –
Payallup, Washington

Phillip B. Clark –
Evans, Georgia

Brent E. Hoskins –
Caldwell, Idaho

Rick Kabele –
Reno, Nevada

Louis C. Manning –
El Paso, Texas

John I. Pospishal –
Carmel, California

Curtis C. Randolph –
Oak Hills, California