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**WHAT'S NEW****ICC and ACBOA Team to Develop Nationwide Certification Program**

ICC and the Alliance of Canadian Building Officials' Associations (ACBOA) have joined hands to develop a series of nationally-developed "challenge tests" for a range of building and safety code courses leading to three levels of certification for Canadian Certified Building Official Residential, Canadian Certified Building Official Part 9, or Canadian Certified Building Official Part 3.

Level I exams are intended for residential inspection limited to One- and Two-Unit dwellings:

- Building Envelope
- Health and Safety

Level II exams are intended for inspection and plan review of small commercial buildings including apartment buildings:

- HVAC and Fire
- Structural Course
- Plan Review

Level III exams are intended for inspection and plan review of a large variety of buildings and involve more complex and detailed code provisions. The expected format will be:

- Health and Safety
- Classifications
- Plan Review
- Life Safety Systems
- Fire Protection

As part of the Memorandum of Understanding, ICC will assemble up to three test forms for each course provided throughout Canada. ACBOA will, in turn, provide program governance, development and approval of all test questions, approval of test specifications, approval of test cut-score, and screening of candidate experience and/or education. Each examination will be developed based on accepted testing and psychometric measurement standards including the Canadian Psychological Association, CAN-P-9 and AERA/NERA Standards. The challenge exams will all be directly linked and referenced to the Canadian National Occupational Standards (NOS). ACBOA expects to introduce the nationwide certification program by March 2008.

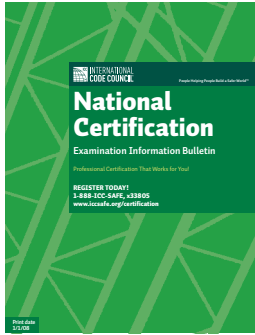
**NAFED/ICC Alliance Reshapes Fire Equipment Exams**

Beginning in early 2008, the ICC will update and administer a new series of fire equipment-related technician exams for the National Association of Fire Equipment Distributors (NAFED) to replace NAFED's existing national Technician Certification examinations. These new exams, currently under development by the ICC, include the Portable Fire Extinguisher Technician, Pre-Engineered Kitchen Fire Extinguishing Technician, and Pre-Engineered Industrial Fire-Extinguishing Technician certification examinations. The administration of the new ICC-developed tests will include the issuance of certificates to applicants, maintenance of the International Certification Registry, and public information about certification and renewal.

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## Powerful Proof of Achievement/ ICC Certification

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



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## Certification Renewal

Is your certification about to expire?

For renewal information, visit [www.iccsafe.org/certification/renewals/](http://www.iccsafe.org/certification/renewals/)



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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/certification/renewals/](http://www.iccsafe.org/certification/renewals/).

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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\\_details.cfm?product\\_id=mpsi\\_free](http://www.ecodes.biz/product_details.cfm?product_id=mpsi_free).

## States Scramble to Put UST Operator Policies in Place

News reports about leaking underground tanks and major petroleum releases which have severely affected the environment and scores of businesses and homes continue to point out the need for skilled and knowledgeable individuals who will oversee the safe operation of UST facilities. To respond to this need, the ICC introduced the UST Operator examination and certification program which helps individual operators demonstrate they have the necessary training. It also provides a mechanism states can use as a benchmark to recognize trained operators.

The ICC UST Operator certification program meets this criteria for operator training. Requiring certification helps ensure that the individuals responsible for the safe operation of the system have the necessary knowledge to maintain the UST facility in compliance with state and federal UST rules and regulations.

The ICC UST Operator examination is already an integral part of the California operator certification requirements. The test, developed by ICC, evaluates the applicant's basic knowledge and skill about USTs, and assures the state of California that these operators have a minimum level of knowledge to assure public and environmental safety. There are currently over 3,000 UST individual operators certified in California.

Since states which apply for U.S. EPA grant funds must soon have a policy in place, many state agencies are looking for similar exam-based programs. Tennessee, for instance, is working closely with ICC to develop a statewide UST operator test. Another option under consideration is regional exams, UST operator exams that cover the basic UST operations in a certain part of the country.

For more information about ICC UST operator exam and certification programs, contact Doug Hatch at 1-888-ICC-SAFE (422-7233), x3316 or [DHatch@iccsafe.org](mailto:DHatch@iccsafe.org).

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## EXAM ROOM

### Forecast 2008: New National and State Exams Readied for Publication

ICC Certification and Testing expects to introduce a series of new national certification exams in spring 2008. These include:

**R3 - RESIDENTIAL PLANS EXAMINER:** This exam covers examination of plans and construction documents for one- and two-family dwellings and their accessory structures for compliance with the local codes and standards.

**EC - SOILS SPECIAL INSPECTOR:** This exam covers special inspection of soils and grading and includes such items as sampling, grading plans and site preparation.

As well, there are several new state-specific certification exams in Louisiana and California. The Louisiana plumbing exams, available later this year, were developed to meet certification requirements for the state of Louisiana and are based on the *Louisiana Plumbing Code*. The *California Certification Program* was jointly developed by the Code Council and CALBO to provide local jurisdictions with a means to meet the requirements of AB 717 for certification, training and continuing education of construction inspectors, plans examiners and building officials in California. The exams were developed by CALBO members in conjunction with Code Council Certification staff to be equivalent to the corresponding Code Council exams, thus allowing ease of transition to the national Code Council certifications if desired.

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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.

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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; 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)

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## 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  
1-888-422-7233, x4223

## CONTRACTOR'S CORNER

### Reaping the Benefits of National Contractor Exams

Every year, jurisdictions across the country invest a tremendous amount of time and expense creating customized construction trade exams to support local, state and federal licensing requirements. It doesn't have to be that way.

Jim Bax, Vice President Program Development at ICC, explains, "Customized exams are expensive, time consuming and largely a waste of time given that professional organizations such as ICC create legally defensible, psychometrically-sound, code-driven exams to meet most any jurisdictional requirements. Added to this, we likely have one or more of every jurisdiction's exams in our cadre of national contractor exams."

In fact, the ICC administers customized construction trade licensing exams for hundreds of state and municipal jurisdictions through its Contractor Trades Examination Program. The development of these exams is a cooperative endeavor between ICC and participating states and jurisdictions. The most widely used licensing exams include the Standard General Building Contractor A, the Standard Building Contractor B, the Standard Residential Building Contractor C as well as a range of plumbing, electrical, mechanical and fuel gas exams at the journeyman and master levels. The contractor/trades exams are administered at more than 1,200 approved test sites nationwide and include toll-free telephone support and test scheduling.

Bax adds, "It just makes sense to review the wide array of exams that ICC offers. Each is uniquely developed to test the applicant's minimum competency of the given subject matter as it relates to the code. With the ICC national trade exams, the jurisdiction doesn't have to pay anything – simply sign the standard jurisdiction adoption form and they are assured of a professionally-developed and administered licensing program."

For more information about the Contractor Trades Examination Program, please contact us at 1-888-ICC-SAFE, x33805.

## PROFESSIONAL SPOTLIGHT:

### Mazur Adds CFM Certification to Resume

Steve Mazur, a consultant inspector for the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works Architectural Engineering Division, has worked both sides of the construction business. For more than 25 years he was a building and engineering contractor working on projects throughout Southern California. About six years ago, he shifted to code-related inspection, and backed by ICC certifications, became a member of the Public Works Department's capital project inspection team.



As part of his commitment to this agency, Steve keeps his professional certifications current and continues to seek higher levels of expertise. Most recently, he obtained the Certified Fire Marshal (CFM) certification from ICC.

Steve explains why this latest certification is important, "The knowledge required to earn the CFM certification helps me do my job. The fire-related aspects of any project are important when inspecting all code-related building systems including plumbing, mechanical and electrical. It's information that helps me every day."

The Architectural Engineering Division is responsible for the construction and inspection of Los Angeles County's capital projects which includes a wide variety of projects including

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## 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.

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### 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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jails, courthouses, libraries, parks, entertainment venues and hospitals.

Steve adds, "I thought I knew a lot, but while going through the code books preparing for the CFM examination I'm reminded that there is an awful lot to learn." Steve is currently preparing for additional examinations required for the ICC Master Code Professional certification which he hopes to acquire in 2008.

### ICC Certified Fire Marshals

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

**Michael L. Garrett** –  
Ormond Beach, FL

**Norman E. Loftin** –  
Spokane, WA

**Jason Napier** – Kent, WA

**Jim Burlew** – Oceanside, CA

**Marc Lowery** – Harrison, AR

**Stephen B. Mazur** –  
Glendale, CA

**Deanna R. Davis** –  
Saint Peters, MO

**Andrew K. Lawson** –  
Lubbock, TX

**Kip Thomas** –  
Harrisonville, MO

**Terrence Richardson** –  
Asher, OK

**Travis A. Torrez** –  
Spring Hill, KS

**Jeremy C. Erickson** –  
Lake in the Hills, IL

**Kenneth G. Rice** –  
Sun City, AZ

### ICC Master Code Professionals

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

**Bart D. Alspaugh** –  
Saint Charles, MO

**Kevin Cousins** – Olathe, KS

**Jeffrey L. Harden** –  
Altoona, IA

**John S. Pendleton** –  
Warrenton, VA

**Jeff A. Wagner** –  
Las Vegas, NV

**William M. White** –  
Waterford, PA

**Wayland Paul Enix** –  
Claremore, OK

**James W. Catoe III** –  
Rock Hill, SC

**Albert D. Gillaspay** – Reno, NV

**Irvin R. Spoonhour** –  
Dillsburg, PA

**Daniel S. Macey** –  
Los Angeles, CA

**Deanna R. Davis** –  
Saint Peters, MO

**Wei Lu** – Centreville, VA

**Matthew C. Walter** –  
East Greenville, PA

**Raymond H. Hudson** –  
Galena, MD

**Don McIntosh** – Las Vegas, NV

**Charles G. Riforgiate** –  
Hinckley, IL

**George J. France** – Slidell, LA

**Keith C. Gingrich** –  
Elliottsburg, PA

**James L. Sills** – Bluffton, SC

**Glenn Matthewson** –  
Arvada, CO

**Paul E. Pato** –  
Star Junction, PA

**Glen M. Davis** – Austin, TX

**William Majeski** – Tucson, AZ

**Robert C. Perry** –  
Melbourne, FL

**Travis Prothro** – Frisco, TX

**William H. Elliott** –  
Carrollton, TX

**Kenneth B. Andrews** –  
Pineville, LA

**Frank R. Cole** – Fairfax, VA

**Elton R. Noland** –  
Centreville, MS

**Gregory Fox** – Des Moines, WA

**William Kulbacki** – Dubois, PA

**Brian S. Wruble** – Dubois, PA

**Sergei C. Matveiev** –  
Pittsburgh, PA

**Brian S. Merrick** – Orlando, FL

**Jonathan P. Bilby** –  
Navarre, FL

**Mark A. Grenier** – Deland, FL

**Shane D. Judd** – Moorpark, CA

**John Kirchner** – El Paso, TX

**Barry J. Lynn** – Pageland, SC

**Ronald C. Fischer** – Joshua, TX