



The **Aquatics Operations Certification Program** is designed to confirm the knowledge of individuals working in the aquatics operations field within the amusement industry. Certification is an outward demonstration of one's knowledge of general activities and technologies that are an integral part of a daily amusement program and his or her participation in such activities and programs. Certification is useful for securing additional business opportunities and jurisdictional accreditation as well as personal development.

There is one level of aquatics operations certification.

◆ **Certified Aquatics Operations Technician, Level I**

In order to achieve certification, an individual must provide verification of his or her industry experience and education. In addition, he or she must receive a passing score on the certification exam. The certification is renewable. In order to maintain the certification, receipt of continuing education units (CEU), attendance in an AIMS-approved curriculum, and involvement in the amusement industry must be documented.

The AIMS Aquatics Operations Certification Program is the only internationally recognized program for verification of knowledge and participation in the field of aquatics operations.

For more information contact AIMS at 714-425-5747 or [www.aimsintl.org](http://www.aimsintl.org).

**A. Level I, Certified Aquatics Operations Technician Requirements**

1. To be eligible to sit for the Level I exam, the applicant must meet the following qualifications:
  - a. Education: Applicant may submit a high school diploma, college diploma, or GED (General Equivalency Diploma). If a diploma is not obtainable, a letter, on company letterhead, from the applicant's employer may serve as verification of meeting the educational requirement. *If documentation of education cannot be provided and employer cannot verify education, applicant must provide proof of current employment in the ride inspector field for a minimum of 36 months).*
  - a. Experience: Applicant must provide proof of current employment in the aquatics operations field for at least 12 months (36 months if no proof of education). A letter from the applicant's employer may serve as verification of meeting the experience requirement; the letter must state dates of employment and positions held within the inspection field. The total time of employment must exceed 12 months. This and all employment verification letters must be written on company letterhead.
2. Examination: Applicant must receive a passing score on the Level I, Aquatics Operations Certification Exam. (Unsuccessful applicants will be eligible to reapply for the exam 60 days after the initial examination date.)
3. Certification Maintenance: To maintain certification, the individual must provide proof of receiving 4 CEU (40 credit hours in an AIMS-approved curriculum) within his or her field during every two-year period following initial Level I certification. Certificate holders may not take the Level I exam again in lieu of receiving CEU in order to maintain the Level I certification.
4. Application Fee to Test during AIMS Seminar: \$55. Non-Seminar Application Fee: \$100. Renewal Fee: \$55.

*The application fee is charged regardless of the applicant's eligibility or passing of the exam.*

**Note: Each CEU is equivalent to 10 Credit Hours in an AIMS approved curriculum.**

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