



The **Inspector Certification Program** is designed to confirm the knowledge of individuals working in the inspection 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 ride 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 are three levels of inspector certification.

- ◆ **Level I - Associate Ride Inspector (ARI)**
- ◆ **Level II - Certified Ride Inspector (CRI)**
- ◆ **Level III - Professional Ride Inspector (PRI)**

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 passing scores on the certification exams. The certifications are 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 Inspector Certification Program is an internationally recognized program for verification of knowledge and participation in the field of amusement ride inspection.

When an individual achieves a Level III certification, it will be clear that that person is a valuable asset to the amusement industry. A Professional Ride Inspector is a person who not only has gained knowledge with years of experience, but he or she also unselfishly gives back to the industry from which he or she has benefited.

For more information contact AIMS at 714-425-5747 or www.aimsintl.org

A. Level I, Associate Ride Inspector 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).*
 - b. Experience: Applicant must provide proof of current employment in the amusement ride inspection 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.
 - c. Eye Exam: Applicant must show evidence of passing an eye exam within the previous 6 months. The requirements of the exam are prescribed in the AIMS Inspector Application for Certification
2. Examination: Applicant must receive a passing score on the Associate Ride Inspector exam. (Unsuccessful applicants will be eligible to reapply for the exam 60 days after the initial examination date.)
 - a. Exam: Applicant must receive a passing score on a multiple choice exam including ASTM standards (provided for exam) and questions regarding the application of a generic ride manual (provided for exam).

3. Certification Renewal: 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: \$75. Non-Seminar Application Fee: \$125. Renewal Fee: \$55.

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

A. Level II, Certified Ride Inspector (CRI) Requirements

1. To be eligible to sit for the Level II exam, the applicant must meet the following qualifications:
 - a. Education:
 - i. Previous education verification letters for Level I certification on file with AIMS will satisfy this requirement if all criteria have been met.
 - ii. Applicant must provide, at the time the application is made, verification of receipt of 8 CEU from attending amusement industry or other applicable seminars or education.
 - b. Experience: Applicant must provide proof of employment in the amusement ride inspection field for at least 36 months. 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 36 months. This letter must be on company letterhead.
 - c. Eye Exam: Applicant must show evidence of passing an eye exam within the previous 6 months. The requirements of the exam are prescribed in the AIMS Inspector Application for Certification.
 - d. Applicant must hold a current AIMS Level I, Associate Ride Inspector certification or a current *Certified Amusement Ride Safety Inspector, Level II (Advanced) or Level III (Senior)* certification from the National Association of Amusement Ride Safety Officials (NAARSO).
2. Examination: Applicant must receive a passing score on all Certified Ride Inspector exams. (Unsuccessful applicants will be eligible to reapply for the exam 60 days after the initial examination date.)
 - a. Written Exam: Applicant must receive a passing score on a multiple choice and fill-in-the-blank exam covering ASTM standards (provided for exam) and questions regarding the application of a generic ride manual (provided for exam).
 - b. Oral Exam: Applicant must receive a passing score on an oral examination administered by no less than three examiners.
5. Certification Renewal: 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 III certification and is required to maintain an Associate membership in AIMS International. Certificate holders may not take the Level II exam again in lieu of receiving CEU in order to maintain the Level II certification.
3. Application Fee to Test during AIMS Seminar: \$125. Non-Seminar Application Fee: \$175. Renewal Fee: \$55.

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

B. Level III, Professional Ride Inspector Requirements

1. To be eligible to apply for the Level III certification, the applicant must meet the following qualifications:
 - a. Education: Applicant must provide, at the time the application is made, verification of receipt of 12 CEU from attending amusement industry or other applicable seminars or education.

- b. Experience: Applicant must provide proof of employment in the amusement ride inspection field for at least 120 months. 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 120 months. This letter must be on company letterhead.
 - c. Eye Exam: Applicant must show evidence of passing an eye exam within the previous 6 months. The requirements of the exam are detailed in the AIMS Inspector Application for Certification.
 - d. Applicant must hold a current AIMS Level II Certified Ride Inspector certification.
 - e. Industry Support: Applicant has demonstrated and can provide evidence documenting his or her volunteer service to the amusement industry.
2. Examination: Applicant must receive passing scores on all Professional Ride Inspector exams. (Unsuccessful applicants will be eligible to reapply for the exam 90 days after the initial examination date.)
- a. Written Exam: Applicant must receive a passing score on a multiple choice and fill-in-the-blank exam.
 - b. Open Book Exam: Applicant must receive a passing score on a multiple choice exam covering ASTM standards (provided for exam) and questions regarding the application of a generic ride manual (provided for exam).
 - c. Oral Exam: Applicant must receive a passing score on an oral examination administered by no less than three examiners.
 - d. Practical Exam: Applicant must receive a passing score on a practical exam administered on an actual piece of amusement equipment. Two examiners will administer this exam.
3. Certification Renewal: 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 III certification. Certificate holders may not take the Level I, Level II or Level III exam again in lieu of receiving CEU's in order to maintain the Level III certification.
- a. Must maintain Associate membership in AIMS.
 - b. The individual must be willing to serve on the AIMS Inspector Examination Committee.

Application Fee: During AIMS Level III test period: \$175. Renewal Fee: \$55.

The application fee is charged regardless of the applicant's eligibility or awarding of Level III certification.

Fast Track:

Individuals who believe they have unique qualifications that meet the intent of the AIMS certification program may apply to the Certification Committee in writing to waive specific requirements of the program.

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

The content, rules and requirements of this program may change without notice.

The current AIMS Certification Program is published at www.aimsintl.org.