



The **Operations Certification Program** is designed to confirm the knowledge of individuals working in the 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 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 operations certification.

- ◆ **Certified Operations Technician, Level I**
- ◆ **Certified Operations Technician, Level II**
- ◆ **Certified Operations Professional, Level III**

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

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

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

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

A. Level I, Certified 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 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.
2. Examination: Applicant must receive a passing score on the Level I Operations Certification Exam. (Unsuccessful applicants will be eligible to reapply for the exam 60 days after the initial examination date.)
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: \$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.

B. Level II, Certified Operations Technician Requirements

1. To be eligible to sit for the Level II exam, the applicant must meet the following qualifications:
 - a. Education: Previous education verification letters for Level I certification on file with AIMS will satisfy this requirement if all criteria have been met. 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 maintenance 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 maintenance field. The total time of employment must exceed 36 months. This letter must be on company letterhead.
 - c. Applicant must hold a current AIMS Level I, Certified Operations Technician certification.
 - d. Examination: Applicant must receive a passing score on the Level II Operations Certification Exam. (Unsuccessful applicants will be eligible to reapply for the exam 60 days after the initial examination date.)
2. 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 II certification. 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: \$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.

C. Level III, Certified Operations Professional Requirements

1. To be eligible to apply for the Level III certification, the applicant must meet the following qualifications:
 - a. Education: Previous education verification letters for AIMS certification on file with AIMS will satisfy this requirement if all criteria have been met. 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 operations 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 operations field. The total time of employment must exceed 120 months. This letter must be on company letterhead.
 - c. Applicant must hold a current AIMS Level II, Certified Operations Technician certification.
 - d. Industry Support:
 - i. Applicant must submit two Safety Seminar course lesson plans that fit the requirements on the Level III application Form. The AIMS certification committee must approve the lesson plans.

- ii. Applicant has demonstrated and can provide evidence documenting his or her volunteer service to the amusement industry.
2. 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.

Application Fee: \$100. Renewal Fee: \$55.

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

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.*

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