

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION AND FEES

A complete application packet contains:

- Completed application form
- Verification of work experience
- Resume (optional)
- Proof of passing exams
- Application fees
\$50.00 nonrefundable fee, and
\$105.00 per category

Send application to:

Kathy Taylor
Division of Occupational Licensing
P.O. Box 110806
Juneau, AK 99811
Phone (907) 465-5470

Expiration Date

Certifications are valid for two years *and* expire the last day of every odd-numbered year (12/31/95, 12/31/97, 12/31/99, 12/31/2001...). You must renew your certificate prior to expiration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have questions about the Certification Program, please contact Ben Thomas at Department of Environmental Conservation at (907) 465-5206 or e-mail: bthomas@envircon.state.ak.us.

Also, UST and Certification requirements can be found at the Department of Environmental Conservation home page. http://www.state.ak.us/dec/dspar/stp_home.htm

RENEWAL

To renew your UST Worker certification, you must submit a completed renewal application and fees, along with proof of passing both the applicable technical IFCI exams and the Alaska-specific exam. You do not need to resubmit verification of work experience.

Examination

You must pass the applicable IFCI exams within one year of applying for renewal, otherwise you must retake the exams.

Deadline

Within 60 to 90 days prior to expiration of the UST Certification, the Division of Occupational Licensing will mail renewal notices to certified individuals at the last known address on record. The deadline for renewal is December 31 of every odd-numbered year.

Make sure you notify Occupational Licensing of any change of address so you receive your renewal form.

Failure to Renew

Individuals who do not submit a completed application, and proof of examinations, by the expiration date will not be eligible to renew their certification, and will need to reapply and meet initial certification requirements including

Helpful Hint: Make sure you notify Occupational Licensing in writing of a change of address so you will receive your renewal notice.

Alaska Underground Storage Tank Worker Certification

Thank you for your interest in becoming an Alaska Certified Underground Storage Tank Worker. This brochure provides a brief explanation about the application process.

To become a Certified Tank Worker in Alaska you must:

- Pass appropriate exams
- Verify your work experience
- Submit a completed application and fees to the State of Alaska
- Receive Certification from the State

“A person may not conduct any part of an underground storage tank (UST) installation, repair, reconfiguration, closure, tank tightness test, or cathodic protection test unless that person is currently certified by the State of Alaska. The person must be certified in the category for which work is done. It is a Class B Misdemeanor to perform tank work without a current certification.”

Storage Tank Program
Department of Environmental Conservation
410 Willoughby Ave.
Juneau, AK 99801-1795

REQUEST AN APPLICATION PACKET

The State of Alaska's Division of Occupational Licensing grants permission to individuals to engage in testing, installing and removing underground storage tanks in Alaska. No other agency, party, or company has the authority to grant this permission.

The application packet contains:

- Application for Certification as an Underground Storage Tank Worker, including Verification of Work Experience.
- International Fire Code Institute (IFCI) Candidate Bulletin, UST Program. **READ THIS CAREFULLY**
- Alaska UST Regulations 18 AAC 78, and Alaska UST Statutes 46.03.360-.450.

You can apply for certification in one or more of the following Worker Categories:

- Installation (including Repairs, Reconfiguration, and Retrofitting)
- Closure (including Removal)
- Tank Tightness Testing
- Cathodic Protection Testing

To Request an Application

Send your name and mailing address to Kathy Taylor at the Division of Occupational Licensing, PO Box 110806, Juneau, AK, 99811. Phone: (907) 465-5470 or E-mail: Kathy_Taylor@commerce.state.ak.us.

Helpful Hint: Avoid Mistakes. Read the IFCI brochure carefully!

EXAMINATIONS

An applicant's knowledge of underground storage tank codes, standards and practice will be tested using International Fire Code Institute (IFCI) examinations.

Getting Ready to Test

Review the IFCI UST Candidate Bulletin; it contains a lot of important information. *Do not attempt to take the exams unless you have read this bulletin thoroughly.*

Technical Exams

The technical exams (Installation, Removal, Tank Tightness Testing, & Cathodic Protection) are all closed-book exams based on technical standards and national codes.

Alaska-Specific Exam

The IFCI Alaska exam is an open-book test, based on Alaska regulations and laws. Bring a current copy of these laws to the test site.

Where to Take Exams

The IFCI UST Exams are offered regularly in Anchorage, Fairbanks and Juneau. If you live in a remote community and cannot get to one of these locations contact Occupational Licensing at 907-465-5470.

Proof of Passing

The State of Alaska will not accept proof of passing an IFCI UST exam that is greater than 12 months old. Applications received after one year from the test date will not be processed. Applicants will be required to retest.

Passing the IFCI exams does not qualify you to work in Alaska. You must apply to the Division of Occupation Licensing for certification.

EXPERIENCE

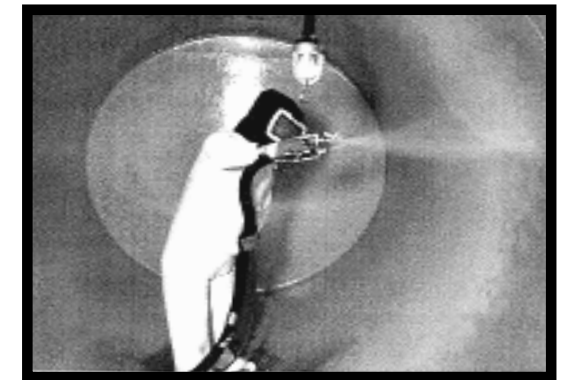
A complete application must include verification of work experience.

Proof

You must provide proof of having successfully completed two separate UST projects in the last three years, in the category for which certification is sought. Experience must cover the entire project from start to finish, not just portions of the project.

Verification

Your application includes a work verification form that must be completed and signed by an Alaska Certified Worker, or by a person certified in an equivalent program in another state, who can attest to your experience. That person must be certified at the time the project occurred, in the category for which certification is being sought. The person verifying you must have been physically present at the project when you performed the work.



You must be certified before performing work on Underground Storage Tanks in Alaska.

Helpful Hint: Build your own reference library. Obtain your own copy of the current applicable codes, standards, and practices.