



Greetings from the 2nd Vice President.

Are You Certified?

One of my jobs as second vice president is to update the membership on certification. Certification as a code enforcement officer includes certification in Property Maintenance/Housing, Zoning, and Code Enforcement Administrator. In Washington state more jurisdictions are adopting the International Property Maintenance Code, IPMC. With the adoption of the IPMC, jurisdictions may require certification by American Association of Code Enforcement, AACE or International Code Council, ICC as a requirement for hiring. Some confusion exists between certification by AACE or ICC. Both certifications are now the same test and managed by ICC. For an additional fee, certification as a Certified Code Enforcement Officer or CCEO must be paid to AACE once you have passed the Property Maintenance/Housing exam and the Zoning exam. The Code Council certification program is the oldest, largest, and most prestigious credentialing program for construction code administration and enforcement professionals in the United States. Code Council certification is a significant personal and professional accomplishment, and is a key step towards enhanced professional stature.

Training Resources

We are happy to impart tips and strategy to those considering certification. For passing the exams there are truly no shortcuts. You must spend the time in study to be able to find the reference code section to answer the question in the open book portion and be knowledgeable about the specific code requirements. Since several code books are needed for the testing, it is very important to focus on the specific sections to study as listed in the candidate bulletin on the ICC website. Our fall conference in 2012 included instruction and tips for passing the exams taught by Roy Fife, a representative from ICC who helped to write and review the questions for the exams. WACE has the study guides and the power point presentations that Roy provided in the training and we are happy to pass these along. Testing can be done on the computer or the old fashion paper and pencil method. Check the ICC website for more information regarding testing methods and scheduling.

Maintaining Certification

For re-certification, continuing education units, CEU's, are needed to maintain valid certifications. Multiple certifications can be combined and made to expire on the same date no matter when they previously expired. This saves time, money and confusion when it is time to renew. CEU's can be gained for the hours spent at the WACE spring and fall conferences, participation in ICC code updates, serving on a board, writing articles, employment as a code enforcement officer and other educational endeavors. CEU's can be logged on the ICC website and renewal can be done online. If you have any questions regarding Certification, please let me or any other board member know and we will work to get you answers. In support of the membership and certification,

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