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# CERTIFICATION



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2008 began a new chapter of the IMSA renewal process. IMSA is requiring more from its certified individuals as it is important to us that you stay current and active in your field. 2009 will be here before we know it and if you have not already renewed your certification(s) that are expiring in 2008 your time is running out. I hope as you read this article many of your renewal questions will be answered. If you still have questions I encourage you to contact Amanda Santell via email at [ais@imsasafety.org](mailto:ais@imsasafety.org) with any questions or concerns you may have about the renewal program.

There are three options for renewal of IMSA certification(s). Individuals may choose any one of the options. Individuals are only required to renew at their highest level in each specialty.

## How do I renew my certification(s)?

- A. Educational Units
  - a. College/Technical/Vocational course work
  - b. Continuing Education Units (CEU)
  - c. TARP Points
  - d. Renewal Hours by Personal Log
- B. Attending the current certification course
- C. Higher certification level

When renewing by educational units it is important to remember the following things:

- Be sure the course(s) or training pertains to the certification being renewed
- Educational units must be completed within the three (3) years prior to the certification(s) expiration date(s)
- A combination of the options listed under "A" can be used for renewal.
- All certifications are required to have 16 hours (1.6 CEUs or 64 TARP Points) to renew a certification **except** Work Zone and Flagging; these only require 4 hours (.4 CEUs or 16 TARP points)
- Certificates of completion are recommended for proof of training. However a personal log may be completed and signed by a supervisor, moderator or speaker and submitted to the International Office. Personal logs will be randomly audited.

IMSA is aware some individuals are not able to attend training sessions as often as others, for those individuals I would recommend attending the **current 16-hour certification course**. When attending the current 16-hour course you will not be required to purchase a manual or take the exam.

It is important to follow these steps when choosing the 16-hour certification course as your renewal option:

- You may only use this option within "one year" prior to the expiration date.
- Contact your local IMSA Section Certification Chair to register for the course. (Cost determined by section.)
- Download a personal log at [IMSAafety.org](http://IMSAafety.org). It is your responsibility to bring this personal log with you to the course and have it signed by the moderator.
- Be sure to sign the class roster as it will be audited.

- Once you have completed the course the personal log must be returned to the International Office with your renewal fee.

Achieving the next higher certification level in each specialty will result in a new three year certification; therefore, renewal of your existing certification will not be necessary.

- For example: An individual with a current Traffic Signal I certification who **passes** the Traffic Signal II certification course will receive a new certification level which will be due for renewal three years from the date printed on the card.
- If an individual does not pass the next higher certification level, renewal will still need to be completed on the last level achieved.
- If an individual holds a Traffic Signal I and Signs and Marking I and passes the Traffic Signal II course, this will not renew the Signs and Marking I.

## How do I know when I am due for renewal?

You will receive a renewal packet prior to your expiration date. Enclosed in the packet will be all of the information that is required of you to renew your certification(s). If you do not receive a renewal packet it could be because IMSA does not have a current address in the database. It is very important to call the International Office with any changes in employment, addresses and name changes.

To find your expiration date you can refer to your certificate or card you received from your last renewal or when you received the initial certification. For members, your certification date(s) will be listed on the back of your membership card. Expiration is three years from the date listed.

If you are unable to find your certificate(s) or membership card you may contact Amanda Santell at the International Office for expiration dates.

## I do not have an expiration date on my certification(s). How do I renew?

For those of you that received your last certification before 1/1/2005 you were phased into the renewal process and should have received a letter in regards to your renewal. If you did not receive that letter, don't panic, you are still eligible for renewal. You must complete a letter of confirmation, which can be found at [IMSAafety.org](http://IMSAafety.org) and pay the renewal fee. This will renew your certification for three (3) years. **The letter**

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of confirmation is only for those that DO NOT have an expiration date, for those with an expiration date 16-hours is required.

## How do I know if the training I have taken is eligible to renew my IMSA certification?

If you can answer yes to the following questions then most likely your training will be eligible for IMSA renewals.

- Is the training I received applicable to the certification I am renewing?
- Was the training received within the three years prior to my expiration date?
- Was the training received through an accredited educational institution/vendor/employer?

Here is a partial list of the training IMSA has received to renew certifications.

Submitted Training for Renewal	Offered By
Electrical License CEU's	State
Basics of the Type 2070 Controller	University of California
Signal Controls, Close Loop Systems	PEEK Traffic Systems
Video Detection	Iteris
Opticom Training	Midasco
NCDOT Oasis/TransLink 32 Training	Econolite
Flagger Training Course	National Safety Council
Traffic Signals for Field Technicians	Texas A&M University
Basic Electronics for Traffic Systems	Texas A&M University
Advanced Traffic Management Systems	Brown Traffic Products
Earthing, Surging & Lighting Protection	State of Wisconsin/Madison
Opticom GPS Technical Training	3M Traffic and Vehicle Systems
Traffic Control Supervisor	ATSSA
Traffic Signal Timing Workshop	Kittelson & Assoc., Inc.
2070 Controllers	Naztec
Maintenance of Traffic	Ohio DOT-Traffic Academy
Safety Studies	Ohio DOT-Traffic Academy
Roundabout Design Workshop	NE Roundabouts
Hazard Analysis Tool Workshop	Indiana DOT
Confined Space Awareness Level	Municipal Health & Safety Assoc.
Grounding, Surge & Lighting Protection	Atlantic Scientific
Video Detection	Traficon
SEPAC/Beginner Training Course	Siemens
ASC/2S Basic Training	Econolite
TxDOT Roadway Illumination & Electrical Installations	University of Texas, Arlington
Basic Electronics for Traffic Sys. Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Technicians	Texas Engineering Ext. Service TASK-Traffic Assistance Serv. for Kansas, Kansas State Univ.-Div. on CE
Traficon Video Detection Systems VIP 3.1/3.2	Control Technologies/Traficon
Signal Timing for Congested Conditions Web Seminar	ITE
Code Change Course	International Assoc. of Electrical Inspectors
Fall Protection Course	Oregon DOT
Lighting & Illumination	Oregon State University
Uniform Traffic Control Devices	Oregon State University

Induction Loop Detector Trng. Seminar	Reno A&E
Certified Traffic Signal Inspector	Oregon DOT-Traff. Eng. & Ops
Electrical Hot Work	Whistler Consulting & Technical Services
PELCO Camera Training	PELCO
Fiber Optics Cable Training	WG Technologies
KWS Annual Traffic Signal & Lighting Refresher Course	KWS
Flashing Yellow Arrow	ITE
Advanced Wireless System Design I	ENCOM Wireless Data Solutions
Advanced Wireless System Design II	ENCOM Wireless Data Solutions
Networking Methods for Signal Controllers	ENCOM Wireless Data Solutions
TS-2 Cabinet Set-up	Siemens
Traffic Control Systems Troubleshooting	TEEX
Traffic Signal Workshop	Texas DOT
Computerized Traffic Signal Control	LA Co. Metropolitan Trans. Auth.
Traffic Signal Terminology, Controller Programming & Cabinet Troubleshooting	Quality Traffic
Electrical License Renewals	Massachusetts State
NEMA Course	IMSA
IMSA Moderator	IMSA
FHWA-NHI-132070 Drilled Shaft Foundation Inspection	National Highway Institute
Vantage Advanced Video Detection	Iteris
NEMA Controller Training	Quixote
Electrical Metering Training Program	Tennessee Valley Public Power Assoc.
Electrical Substation Devices, Maint. & Operations Seminar	Indiana Municipal Electrical Assoc.
Signal Monitor Technologies	Reno A & E
Installation of 701 & 702 Traffic Sensors	3M Traffic & Vehicle Systems
Setup & Callibration of RTMS Traffic Detectors	Electronic Integrated Systems, Inc. (EIS)



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