



How to Become an ICC Certified Underground Storage Tank (UST) Decommissioner

Purpose

The Tacoma Fire Department requires that decommissioning of underground storage tanks either be conducted by, or witnessed by, an individual who possesses certification from the International Code Council (ICC) for underground storage tank (UST) decommissioning.

The purpose of the ICC UST Certification Program is to provide a nationally recognized examination and credential by which individuals can demonstrate their knowledge of various regulatory codes, standards and practices pertaining to underground storage tanks.

Description of the UST Decommissioning Exam

UST decommissioning certification is designed to show satisfactory knowledge of UST codes and competence in tasks relevant to the job. The following list describes general subject areas which may be covered on the exam:

- site preparation
- reporting requirements
- tank decommissioning and cleaning
- storage and transportation of tanks
- contaminated soil handling
- health and safety for UST workers.

Exam Administration

The ICC UST Certification exam is administered on ExPro, an electronic examination process administered by

Assessment Systems, Inc. (ASI) in Bellevue, WA daily, Tuesday through Saturday.

Where to Get More Information

For more information and to receive an application to become an ICC Certified UST Decommissioner, contact ICC's Certification Department at (800) 423-6587 x3419. They will send you a candidate bulletin entitled *Voluntary Certification Program*, which will provide you with details on preparing for the exam, taking the exam, and obtaining your certificate. More information is available from their website at <http://www.iccsafe.org>.

If you have other questions concerning residential heating oil tank decommissioning requirements in the City of Tacoma, please contact the Tacoma Fire Department's Permits Section at 253.591.5740, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.