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**CERTIFICATION
PROGRAM**



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The content, rules and requirements of the AIMS Certification Program may
change without notice.



The **Inspector Certification Program** is designed to test the knowledge of individuals working in the inspection 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 for personal development.

There are three levels of inspector certification.

- ◆ **Level I, Associate Ride Inspector (ARI)**
- ◆ **Level II, Certified Ride Inspector (CRI)**
- ◆ **Level III, Professional Ride Inspector (PRI)**

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

The AIMS Inspector Certification Program is an internationally recognized program for verification of knowledge and participation in the field of amusement ride inspection.

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

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

A. Level I, Associate Ride Inspector (ARI) Requirements

1. To be eligible to take the Level I exam, the applicant must meet the following qualifications:
 - a. Education: Applicant must have a high school education or equivalent. A letter from the applicant's employer can serve as verification of meeting the educational requirement.
 - b. Experience: Applicant must provide proof of current employment in the amusement ride inspection field for 12 months. A letter from the applicant's employer can serve as verification of meeting the experience requirement.
 - c. Eye Exam: Applicant must show evidence of passing an eye exam within the previous 6 months. The requirements of the exam are prescribed in the AIMS Inspector Application for Certification.
2. Examination: Applicant must receive passing scores on both Associate Ride Inspector exams. (Unsuccessful applicants will be eligible to reapply for the exam 180 days after the initial examination date.)
 - a. Written Exam: Applicant must receive a passing score on a multiple choice and fill-in-the-blank exam.
 - b. Open Book Exam: Applicant must receive a passing score on a multiple choice exam covering ASTM standards (provided) and questions regarding the application of a generic ride manual (provided).
3. Maintenance:

- a. To maintain certification, the individual must provide proof of receiving 4 CEU's (or 40 hours in an AIMS-approved curriculum) within his or her field during every two-year period following initial certification.
 - b. Certificate holders may not take the Level I exam again in lieu of receiving CEU's in order to maintain the Level I certification.
 - c. Each ARI certification may be renewed **ONLY ONCE**. Within the four-year period following initial certification as an ARI, the individual must pass the CRI exams to continue with certification. If the individual does not pass the CRI exams, the ARI certification expires. The individual must enter the certification process again from the beginning and re-test for ARI certification.
4. Rules of Conduct:
- a. An Associate Ride Inspector is only certified to work under the immediate supervision of a CRI or PRI. Immediate supervision means that the CRI or PRI is within earshot of the ARI.
 - b. An Associate Ride Inspector is not certified to sign, initial or otherwise take responsibility for official documents or prepare reports pertaining to the inspection of amusement equipment unless his/her signature, initials or responsibility is accompanied by a similar indication of the supervising CRI or PRI. In other words, the supervising CRI or PRI must co-sign the documentation of the ARI's inspection..
5. Application Fee to test during AIMS Seminar: \$75. Non-Seminar Application Fee: \$125. Renewal Fee: \$55.
The application fee is charged regardless of the applicant's eligibility or passing of the exams.

B. Level II, Certified Ride Inspector (CRI) Requirements

1. To be eligible to take the Level II exam, the applicant must meet the following qualifications:
 - a. Education:
 - i. Applicant must have a high school education or equivalent. Previous education verification letters for Level I certification on file with AIMS will satisfy this requirement.
 - ii. Applicant must provide, at the time the application is made, verification of receipt of 8 CEU's from attending amusement industry or other applicable seminars or education.
 - b. Experience: Applicant must provide proof of employment in the amusement ride inspection field for 36 months. A letter from the applicant's employer can serve as verification of meeting the experience requirement.
 - c. Eye Exam: Applicant must show evidence of passing an eye exam within the previous 6 months. The requirements of the exam are prescribed in the AIMS Inspector Application for Certification.
 - d. Applicant must hold a current AIMS Level I, Associate Ride Inspector certification or a current *Certified Amusement Ride Safety Inspector, Level II (Advanced) or Level III (Senior)* certification from the National Association of Amusement Ride Safety Officials (NAARSO).
2. Examination: Applicant must receive passing scores on all Certified Ride Inspector exams. (Unsuccessful applicants will be eligible to reapply for the exam 180 days after the initial examination date.)
 - a. Written Exam: Applicant must receive a passing score on a multiple choice and fill-in-the-blank exam.
 - b. Open Book Exam: Applicant must receive a passing score on a multiple choice exam covering ASTM standards (provided) and questions regarding the application of a generic ride manual (provided).

- c. Oral Exam: Applicant must receive a passing score on an oral examination administered by no less than three examiners.
3. Maintenance: To maintain certification, the individual must provide proof of receiving 4 CEU's (or 40 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 I or Level II exam again in lieu of receiving CEU's in order to maintain the Level II certification.
4. Application fee to test during AIMS Seminar: \$125. Non-Seminar Application Fee: \$175. Renewal Fee: \$55.
The application fee is charged regardless of the applicant's eligibility or passing of the exams.

C. Level III, Professional Ride Inspector Requirements

1. To be eligible to apply for the Level III certification, the applicant must meet the following qualifications:
 - a. Education:
 - i. Applicant must have a high school education or equivalent. Previous education verification letters for Level II certification on file with AIMS will satisfy this requirement.
 - ii. Applicant must provide verification of receipt of 12 CEU's from attending amusement industry or other applicable seminars or education.
 - b. Experience: Applicant must provide proof of employment in the amusement ride inspection field for 120 months. A letter from the applicant's employer is appropriate for experience verification.
 - c. Eye Exam: Applicant must show evidence of passing an eye exam within the previous 6 months. The requirements of the exam are prescribed in the AIMS Inspector Application for Certification.
 - d. Applicant must hold a current AIMS Level II, Certified Ride Inspector certification.
2. Examination: Applicant must receive passing scores on all Professional Ride Inspector exams. (Unsuccessful applicants will be eligible to reapply for the exam 180 days after the initial examination date.)
 - a. Written Exam: Applicant must receive a passing score on a multiple choice and fill-in-the-blank exam.
 - b. Open Book Exam: Applicant must receive a passing score on a multiple choice exam covering ASTM standards (provided) and questions regarding the application of a generic ride manual (provided).
 - c. Oral Exam: Applicant must receive a passing score on an oral examination administered by no less than three examiners.
 - d. Practical Exam: Applicant must receive a passing score on a practical exam administered on an actual piece of amusement equipment. Two examiners will administer this exam.
3. Maintenance:
To maintain certification:
 - a. The individual must provide proof of receiving 4 CEU's (or 40 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 I, Level II or Level III exam again in lieu of receiving CEU's in order to maintain the Level III certification.
 - b. The individual must be willing to serve on the AIMS Inspector Examination Committee.

c. Must maintain membership in AIMS.

Application Fee: During AIMS Level III test period: \$175. Renewal Fee: \$55.

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

Fast Track:

Individuals who believe they have unique qualifications that meet the intent of the AIMS certification program may apply to the Certification Committee in writing to waive specific requirements of the program.

Note: Each CEU is equivalent to 10 Credit Hours in an AIMS-approved curriculum.

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Application for Certification INSPECTOR

Check the appropriate box: ARI
Level I

CRI
Level II

PRI
Level III

Please type or print the following:

Today's Date: ___ / ___ / ___
month day year

Date of Exam: ___ / ___ / ___
month day year

Last Name: _____

Date of Birth: ___ / ___ / ___
month day year

First Name: _____

Middle Initial: _____

Work Address: Use for correspondence

Home Address: Use for correspondence

Work Phone: (____) _____

Home Phone: (____) _____

Cell Phone: (____) _____

Email: _____

Education: AIMS requires that an applicant must have a high school education or equivalent. Please attach a copy of your high school/GED/college diploma. Your application will not be accepted without this document. A letter from the applicant's employer can serve as verification of meeting the educational requirement.

Industry Experience: Applicant must provide proof of current employment in the amusement inspection field. ARI - 12 months CRI - 36 months PRI - 120 months
Your application will not be accepted without this document. A letter from the applicant's employer can serve as verification of meeting the industry experience requirement.

Employer: _____ Location: _____ Position: _____

Hire Date: ___ / ___ / ___ Supervisor: _____ Phone: (____) _____
month day year

If Additional Space is Needed, Use Blank Paper and Attach it to this Form. Include start date and end date for each employer.

Please list the name of rides or type that you have personally inspected in the last two years.

Eye Examination:

The following *three* sections are to be completed by the eye examiner

1. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Applicants Name: _____ Date of Exam: _____

Examiner Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Examiner Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____

EXAMINER PROFESSIONAL STATUS (please check only one):

Ophthalmologist Optometrist Medical Doctor Registered Nurse Certified Physician's Assistant

Examiner Signature: _____ License/Qualification #: _____

2. VISION ACUITY RESULTS:

	Please verify the customer's close vision acuity to Jaeger J2 (or equivalent) specifications at a distance of 20 inches or greater: (please check one of the following)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Both eyes require corrected vision to J2.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Only one eye needs corrected vision.
<input type="checkbox"/>	No correction is required.

3. COLOR PERCEPTION RESULTS:

	Through a color perception examination, is the applicant colorblind? (please check one of the following).
<input type="checkbox"/>	NO, applicant is not color blind
<input type="checkbox"/>	YES, applicant is color blind (A letter from the employer's supervisor stating acknowledgement of this results is required before testing)

If Additional Space is Needed, Use Blank Paper and Attach it to this Form

I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct. I have read the current Code of Ethics and agree to follow it in the discharge of my duties. I understand that any false statements will disqualify me for AIMS certification. I will provide documentation for both education and industry experience in the amusement industry along with this application. I will provide a copy of my current certificate if I plan to sit for a CRI or PRI exam.

Signature of Applicant

Date

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There are three levels of maintenance certification.

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

In order to achieve certification, an individual must provide verification of his or her experience and education and 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's) and/or involvement in the amusement industry must be documented.

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

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 Maintenance Professional is a person who not only has gained knowledge with years of experience, but he or she also unselfishly gives back to the industry from which he or she has benefited.

For more information call AIMS at 714-425-5747

A. Level I, Certified Maintenance Technician Requirements

1. To be eligible to take the Level I exam, the applicant must meet the following qualifications:
 - a. Education: Applicant must have a high school education or equivalent. A letter from the applicant's employer can serve as verification of meeting the educational requirement.
 - b. Experience: Applicant must provide proof of current employment in the amusement ride maintenance field for 12 months. A letter from the applicant's employer can serve as verification of meeting the experience requirement.
2. Examination: Applicant must receive a passing score on the Level I Maintenance Certification Exam. (Unsuccessful applicants will be eligible to reapply for the exam 180 days after the initial examination date.)
3. Maintenance: To maintain certification, the individual must provide proof of receiving 4 CEU's in a curriculum within his or her field during every two-year period following initial certification. Certificate holders may not take the Level I exam again in lieu of receiving CEU's 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 Maintenance Technician Requirements

1. To be eligible to take the Level II exam, the applicant must meet the following qualifications:
 - a. Education:
 - i. Applicant must have a high school education or equivalent. Previous education verification letters for Level I certification on file with AIMS will satisfy this requirement.

- ii. Applicant must provide, at the time the application is made, verification of receipt of 8 CEU's 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 36 months. A letter from the applicant's employer can serve as verification of meeting the experience requirement.
 - c. Applicant must hold a current AIMS Level I, Certified Maintenance Technician certification.
2. Examination: Applicant must receive a passing score on the Level II Maintenance Certification Exam. (Unsuccessful applicants will be eligible to reapply for the exam 180 days after the initial examination date.)
 3. Maintenance: To maintain certification, the individual must provide proof of receiving 4 CEU's in a curriculum within his or her field during every two-year period following initial Level II certification. Certificate holders may not take the Level I or Level II exam again in lieu of receiving CEU's in order to maintain the Level II 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.

C. Level III, Certified Maintenance Professional Requirements

1. To be eligible to apply for the Level III certification, the applicant must meet the following qualifications:
 - a. Education:
 - i. Applicant must have a high school education or equivalent. Previous education verification letters for Level II certification on file with AIMS will satisfy this requirement.
 - ii. Applicant must provide verification of receipt of 12 CEU's 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 120 months. A letter from the applicant's employer is appropriate for experience verification.
 - c. Applicant must hold a current AIMS Level II, Certified Maintenance Technician certification.
2. Industry Support: 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.
3. Maintenance: To maintain certification, the individual must provide proof of receiving 4 CEU's in a curriculum within his or her field during every two-year period following initial certification.
 - a. Must maintain membership in AIMS.

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.



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Application for Certification MAINTENANCE

Check the appropriate box:

Level I

Level II

Please type or print the following:

Today's Date: ___/___/___
month day year

Date of Exam: ___/___/___
month day year

Last Name: _____

Date of Birth: ___/___/___
month day year

First Name: _____

Middle Initial: _____

Work Address: Use for correspondence

Home Address: Use for correspondence

Work Phone: (____) _____

Home Phone: (____) _____

Cell Phone: (____) _____

Email: _____

Education: AIMS requires that an applicant must have a high school education or equivalent. Please attach a copy of your high school/GED/college diploma. Your application will not be accepted without this document. A letter from the applicant's employer can serve as verification of meeting the educational requirement.

Industry Experience: Applicant must provide proof of current employment in the amusement maintenance field. Level I - 12 months Level II - 36 months
Your application will not be accepted without this document. A letter from the applicant's employer can serve as verification of meeting the industry experience requirement.

Employer: _____ Location: _____ Position: _____

Hire Date: ___/___/___ Supervisor: _____ Phone: (____) _____
month day year

If Additional Space is Needed, Use Blank Paper and Attach it to this Form. Include start date and end date for each employer.

I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct. I have read the current Code of Ethics and agree to follow it in the discharge of my duties. I understand that any false statements will disqualify me for AIMS certification. I will provide documentation for both education and industry experience in the amusement industry along with this application. I will provide a copy of my current certificate if I plan to sit for a Maintenance Level II exam.

Signature of Applicant

Date

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Cash _____	Credit Card No.: _____	Exp. _____
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Application for AIMS LEVEL III Certification

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- Application for: Maintenance Level III
 Operations Level III
 Aquatics Level III

Please type or print the following:

Today's Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Initial: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____ Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____
month day year

AIMS LEVEL II:

Date of Current Level II Certification: ____ / ____ / ____

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE:

Attach resume of personal history and industry experience.

INDUSTRY SUPPORT:

Submit two original Safety Seminar course lessons using the following format.

1. Name of course
2. Course objective
3. Class synopsis
4. Written lesson plan including time allotments and specific examples for classroom exercises.
5. Attach copies of all course handout material.
6. Provide 5 questions, in a 4-choice format, for the certification examinations.
7. List audio-visual equipment requirements for presentation.

Upon review of amusement industry experience and support and current Level II certification by the AIMS Certification Committee, the applicant will be awarded a Level III certification. If the application is determined insufficient to support the certification, the applicant will be informed, in writing, which qualifications were not met.

If Additional Space is Needed, Use Blank Paper and Attach it to this Form

I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct. I have read the current Code of Ethics and agree to follow it in the discharge of my duties. I understand that any false statements will disqualify me for AIMS certification. I will provide updated documentation for both education and employment experience in the amusement industry to the AIMS office.

Signature of Applicant

Date

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_____ Cash/Ck _____	Credit Card No.: _____	Exp. _____
_____ App. _____	Emp. _____	Ed. _____ Cert. _____
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The **Operations Certification Program** is designed to test 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 for 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 and 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's) 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 he or she also unselfishly gives back to the industry from which he or she has benefited.

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A. Level I, Certified Operations Technician Requirements

1. To be eligible to take the Level I exam, the applicant must meet the following qualifications:
 - a. Education: Applicant must have a high school education or equivalent. A letter from the applicant's employer can serve as verification of meeting the educational requirement.
 - b. Experience: Applicant must provide proof of current employment in the amusement ride operations field for 12 months. A letter from the applicant's employer can serve as verification of meeting the experience requirement.
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 180 days after the initial examination date.)
3. Maintenance: To maintain certification, the individual must provide proof of receiving 4 CEU's in a curriculum within his or her field during every two-year period following initial certification. Certificate holders may not take the Level I exam again in lieu of receiving CEU's 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 take the Level II exam, the applicant must meet the following qualifications:
 - a. Education:
 - i. Applicant must have a high school education or equivalent. Previous education verification letters for Level I certification on file with AIMS will satisfy this requirement.

- ii. Applicant must provide, at the time the application is made, verification of receipt of 8 CEU's 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 36 months. A letter from the applicant's employer can serve as verification of meeting the experience requirement.
 - c. Applicant must hold a current AIMS Level I, Certified Operations Technician certification.
2. Examination: Applicant must receive a passing score on the Level II Operations Certification Exam. (Unsuccessful applicants will be eligible to reapply for the exam 180 days after the initial examination date.)
 3. Maintenance: To maintain certification, the individual must provide proof of receiving 4 CEU's in a curriculum within his or her field during every two-year period following initial Level II certification. Certificate holders may not take the Level I or Level II exam again in lieu of receiving CEU's in order to maintain the Level II 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.

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:
 - i. Applicant must have a high school education or equivalent. Previous education verification letters for Level II certification on file with AIMS will satisfy this requirement.
 - ii. Applicant must provide verification of receipt of 12 CEU's 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 120 months. A letter from the applicant's employer is appropriate for experience verification.
 - c. Applicant must hold a current AIMS Level II, Certified Operations Technician certification.
2. Industry Support: 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.
3. Maintenance: To maintain certification, the individual must provide proof of receiving 4 CEU's in a curriculum within his or her field during every two-year period following initial certification.
 - a. Must maintain membership in AIMS.

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

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Note: Each CEU is equivalent to 10 Credit Hours in an AIMS approved curriculum.



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Application for AIMS LEVEL III Certification

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- Application for: Maintenance Level III
 Operations Level III
 Aquatics Level III

Please type or print the following:

Today's Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Initial: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____ Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____
month day year

AIMS LEVEL II:

Date of Current Level II Certification: ____ / ____ / ____

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE:

Attach resume of personal history and industry experience.

INDUSTRY SUPPORT:

Submit two original Safety Seminar course lessons using the following format.

1. Name of course
2. Course objective
3. Class synopsis
4. Written lesson plan including time allotments and specific examples for classroom exercises.
5. Attach copies of all course handout material.
6. Provide 5 questions, in a 4-choice format, for the certification examinations.
7. List audio-visual equipment requirements for presentation.

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Signature of Applicant

Date

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_____ Cash/Ck _____	Credit Card No.:	_____ Exp. _____
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There are three levels of aquatics certification.

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

In order to achieve certification, an individual must provide verification of his or her experience and education and 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's) and/or involvement in the aquatics industry must be documented.

The AIMS Aquatics Certification Program is the only internationally recognized program for verification of knowledge and participation in the field of aquatics.

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

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A. Level I, Certified Aquatics Operations Technician Requirements

1. To be eligible to take the Level I exam, the applicant must meet the following qualifications:
 - a. Education: Applicant must have a high school education or equivalent. A letter from the applicant's employer can serve as verification of meeting the educational requirement.
 - b. Experience: Applicant must provide proof of current employment in the aquatics field for 12 months. A letter from the applicant's employer can serve as verification of meeting the experience requirement.
2. Examination: Applicant must receive a passing score on the Level I Aquatics Certification Exam. (Unsuccessful applicants will be eligible to reapply for the exam 180 days after the initial examination date.)
3. Maintenance: To maintain certification, the individual must provide proof of receiving 4 CEU's in a curriculum within his or her field during every two-year period following initial certification. Certificate holders may not take the Level I exam again in lieu of receiving CEU's 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 Aquatics Operations Technician Requirements

1. To be eligible to take the Level II exam, the applicant must meet the following qualifications:
 - a. Education:
 - i. Applicant must have a high school education or equivalent. Previous education verification letters for Level I certification on file with AIMS will satisfy this requirement.

- ii. Applicant must provide, at the time the application is made, verification of receipt of 8 CEU's from attending aquatics industry or other applicable seminars or education.
 - b. Experience: Applicant must provide proof of employment in the aquatics field for 36 months. A letter from the applicant's employer can serve as verification of meeting the experience requirement.
 - c. Applicant must hold a current AIMS Level I, Certified Aquatics Operations Technician certification.
2. Examination: Applicant must receive a passing score on the Level II Aquatics Certification Exam. (Unsuccessful applicants will be eligible to reapply for the exam 180 days after the initial examination date.)
 3. Maintenance: To maintain certification, the individual must provide proof of receiving 4 CEU's in a curriculum within his or her field during every two-year period following initial Level II certification. Certificate holders may not take the Level I or Level II exam again in lieu of receiving CEU's in order to maintain the Level II 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.

C. Level III, Certified Aquatics Operations Professional Requirements

1. To be eligible to apply for the Level III certification, the applicant must meet the following qualifications:
 - a. Education:
 - i. Applicant must have a high school education or equivalent. Previous education verification letters for Level II certification on file with AIMS will satisfy this requirement.
 - ii. Applicant must provide verification of receipt of 12 CEU's from attending aquatics industry or other applicable seminars or education.
 - b. Experience: Applicant must provide proof of employment in the aquatics field for 120 months. A letter from the applicant's employer is appropriate for experience verification.
 - c. Applicant must hold a current AIMS Level II, Certified Aquatics Operations Technician certification.
2. Industry Support: 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.
3. Maintenance: To maintain certification, the individual must provide proof of receiving 4 CEU's in a curriculum within his or her field during every two-year period following initial certification.
 - a. Must maintain membership in AIMS.

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.



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Application for Certification AQUATICS OPERATIONS

Check the appropriate box:

Level I

Please type or print the following:

Today's Date: ___/___/___
month day year

Date of Exam: ___/___/___
month day year

Last Name: _____

Date of Birth: ___/___/___
month day year

First Name: _____

Middle Initial: _____

Work Address: Use for correspondence

Home Address: Use for correspondence

Work Phone: (____) _____

Home Phone: (____) _____

Cell Phone: (____) _____

Email: _____

Education: AIMS requires that an applicant must have a high school education or equivalent. Please attach a copy of your high school/GED/college diploma. Your application will not be accepted without this document. A letter from the applicant's employer can serve as verification of meeting the educational requirement.

Industry Experience: Applicant must provide proof of current employment in the amusement aquatics operations field. Level I - 12 months Level II - 36 months
Your application will not be accepted without this document. A letter from the applicant's employer can serve as verification of meeting the industry experience requirement.

Employer: _____ Location: _____ Position: _____

Hire Date: ___/___/___ Supervisor: _____ Phone: (____) _____
month day year

If Additional Space is Needed, Use Blank Paper and Attach it to this Form. Include start date and end date for each employer.

I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct. I have read the current Code of Ethics and agree to follow it in the discharge of my duties. I understand that any false statements will disqualify me for AIMS certification. I will provide documentation for both education and industry experience in the amusement industry along with this application.

Signature of Applicant

Date

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Cash _____	Credit Card No.: _____	Exp. _____
App. _____	Emp. _____	Ed. _____
Cert. _____		CEU Years _____
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Application for AIMS LEVEL III Certification

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- Application for: Maintenance Level III
 Operations Level III
 Aquatics Level III

Please type or print the following:

Today's Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Initial: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____ Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____
month day year

AIMS LEVEL II:

Date of Current Level II Certification: ____ / ____ / ____

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE:

Attach resume of personal history and industry experience.

INDUSTRY SUPPORT:

Submit two original Safety Seminar course lessons using the following format.

1. Name of course
2. Course objective
3. Class synopsis
4. Written lesson plan including time allotments and specific examples for classroom exercises.
5. Attach copies of all course handout material.
6. Provide 5 questions, in a 4-choice format, for the certification examinations.
7. List audio-visual equipment requirements for presentation.

Upon review of amusement industry experience and support and current Level II certification by the AIMS Certification Committee, the applicant will be awarded a Level III certification. If the application is determined insufficient to support the certification, the applicant will be informed, in writing, which qualifications were not met.

If Additional Space is Needed, Use Blank Paper and Attach it to this Form

I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct. I have read the current Code of Ethics and agree to follow it in the discharge of my duties. I understand that any false statements will disqualify me for AIMS certification. I will provide updated documentation for both education and employment experience in the amusement industry to the AIMS office.

Signature of Applicant

Date

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_____ Cash/Ck _____	Credit Card No.:	_____	Exp.	_____
_____ App.	_____ Emp.	_____ Ed.	_____ Cert.	_____
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Application - Renewal - Reinstatement AIMS Certification Fee Schedule

AIMS Level I & Level II – Certification period is 2 years
Aquatics Operations, Maintenance and Operations

- ❖ Application Fee to test during AIMS Seminar - \$55
- ❖ Non-Seminar Application Fee - \$100
- ❖ On-Time Renewal Fee - \$55
- ❖ Expired Certification Reinstatement of up to one year - \$70
- ❖ Expired Certification Reinstatement beyond one year - \$55 per certification period - plus \$100

AIMS Level III – Certification period is 2 years
Aquatics Operations, Maintenance and Operations

- ❖ Application Fee - \$100
- ❖ On-Time Renewal Fee - \$55
- ❖ Expired Certification Reinstatement of up to one year - \$70
- ❖ Expired Certification Reinstatement beyond one year – Must reapply for certification

AIMS Associate Ride Inspector Level 1 (ARI) – Certification period is 2 years

- ❖ Application Fee to test during AIMS Seminar - \$75
- ❖ Non-Seminar Application Fee - \$125
- ❖ On-Time Renewal Fee - \$55
- ❖ Expired Certification Reinstatement of up to one year - \$70
- ❖ Expired Certification Reinstatement beyond one year - \$55 per certification period - plus \$100

AIMS Certified Ride Inspector Level II (CRI) – Certification period is 2 years

- ❖ Application Fee to test during AIMS Seminar - \$125
- ❖ Non-Seminar Application Fee - \$175
- ❖ On-Time Renewal Fee - \$55
- ❖ Expired Certification Reinstatement of up to one year - \$70
- ❖ Expired Certification Reinstatement beyond one year - \$55 per certification period - plus \$100

AIMS Professional Ride Inspector Level III (PRI) – Certification period is 2 years

- ❖ Application Fee to test during AIMS test period - \$175
- ❖ Non-Seminar Application Fee – To be determined based on location
- ❖ On-Time Renewal Fee - \$55
- ❖ Expired Certification Reinstatement of up to one year - \$70
- ❖ Expired Certification Reinstatement beyond one year – Must reapply for certification

All fees are in addition to the examination, education, employment, maintenance and CEU requirements as stated in the AIMS Certification Program, and are non-refundable.

- ❖ All applicants for certification testing must fill out an Application for Certification, pay the testing fee and submit all requirements before they will be permitted to sit for the exam.
- ❖ All applicants for Renewal and Reinstatement must fill out a Renewal Application, pay the applicable fees, and submit all requirements before a certificate and card will be issued.
- ❖ To Reinstate Levels I and II: 4 CEUs are required for each 2-year certification period.
- ❖ It is the responsibility of the certificate holder to preserve their certificate and be able to present it upon request.
- ❖ A Certification period begins April 1 and expires on March 31 after the applicable certification period of 2 years.

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Code of Ethics

for

Certified Operations Technicians (COT), Certified Operations Professionals (COP), Certified Maintenance Technicians (CMT), Certified Maintenance Professionals (CMP), Associate Ride Inspectors (ARI), Certified Ride Inspectors (CRI), Professional Ride Inspectors (PRI), Certified Aquatics Operations Technicians (CAOT), and Certified Aquatics Operations Professionals (CAOP), are hereafter referred to as Certificate Holders.

Preamble:

In order to safeguard the health, safety and well being of the public and to maintain integrity and high standards of skills, practice, and conduct in the discharge of their duties, AIMS International Certificate Holders shall be cognizant of the following principles and rules and the scope to which they apply, with the understanding that any unauthorized practice is subject to the Certification Committee's review and may result in suspension, reprimand, or revocation of certification.

THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPALS

Certificate Holders uphold and advance the integrity, honor and dignity of the amusement industry by:

1. Using their knowledge, skill and training for the enhancement of public safety;
2. Being honest and impartial, and serving with integrity and fidelity to the public, their employers and clients; and
3. Striving to increase the competence and prestige of the amusement industry.

THE FUNDAMENTAL CANONS

1. Certificate Holders shall hold paramount the safety, health and welfare of the public in the performance of their professional duties.
2. Certificate Holders shall be honest and truthful in the performance of their professional duties.
3. Certificate Holders shall perform services only in the areas of their competence.
4. Certificate Holders shall continue their professional development throughout their careers and shall provide opportunities for the professional and ethical development of those under their supervision.

5. Certificate Holders shall act in professional matters for each employer or client as faithful agents or trustees, and shall avoid conflicts of interest or the appearance of conflicts of interest.
6. Certificate Holders shall build their professional reputation on the merit of their services and shall not compete unfairly with others.
7. Certificate Holders shall associate only with reputable persons or organizations.
8. When Certificate Holders are required to issue public statements, these statements shall be made only in an objective and truthful manner with the authorization of his or her employer to support the integrity, honor and dignity of the amusement industry and all other Certificate Holders.

RULES

1. Integrity:

Certificate Holders shall act with complete integrity in professional matters and be forthright and candid to their employer, the regulator or employer's customer, and with the Certification Committee or its representatives, on matters pertaining to this Code.

2. Responsibility to the Public:

Certificate Holders shall act to preserve the safety, health and well being of the public by performing his or her required duties in a conscientious and impartial manner to the full extent of his or her moral and civic responsibility and qualification. Accordingly, Certificate Holders shall:

- 2.1. Undertake and perform assignments only when qualified by training, experience and capability.
- 2.2. Present credentials upon request.
- 2.3. Neither falsely represents the current status nor seeks to misrepresent the certification level (Certificate Holders) by modification of certification documents or false verbal or written testimony of current level or status.
- 2.4. Be completely objective, thorough and factual in any written report, statement, or testimony of the work and include all relevant or pertinent testimony in such communiqués or testimonials.
- 2.5. Sign only for work that the Certificate Holder has performed, or for work over which the Certificate Holder has personal knowledge through direct supervision.

2.6. Neither associate with nor knowingly participate in a fraudulent, illegal or dishonest venture or activity.

3. Public Statements:

3.1. The Certificate Holders shall issue no statements, criticisms or arguments on work matters connected with public policy which were inspired or paid for by an interested party, or parties, without first identifying the party, the speaker, and disclosing any possible financial interest.

3.2. The Certificate Holders shall publicly express no opinion on his duties unless it is founded upon adequate knowledge of the facts in issue, upon a background of competence pertinent to the subject, and upon honest conviction of the accuracy and propriety of the statement.

3.3. The Certificate Holders shall not falsely or maliciously injure or attempt to injure the reputation or business of others.

3.4. The Certificate Holders shall not injure or attempt to injure the reputation of AIMS International, other AIMS Certificate Holders or the amusement industry.

4. Conflict of Interest:

4.1. The Certificate Holders shall avoid a conflict of interest with the employer or client and shall disclose any business association, or circumstance that might be so considered.

4.2. The Certificate Holders shall not accept compensation, financial or otherwise, from more than one party for services on the same project, or for services pertaining to the same project, unless the circumstances are fully disclosed and agreed to by all interested parties or their authorized agents.

4.3. The Certificate Holders shall not solicit or accept gratuities, directly or indirectly, from any party, or parties, dealing with the client or employer in connection with the Certificate Holders' work.

5. Solicitation of Employment:

5.1. The Certificate Holders shall neither pay, solicit, nor offer, directly or indirectly, any bribe or commission for employment with the exception of the usual commission required from licensed employment agencies.

5.2. The Certificate Holders shall neither falsify, exaggerate, nor indulge in the misinterpretation of personal academic and professional qualifications, past assignments, accomplishments and responsibilities, or those of the Certificate Holders' associates. Misrepresentation of current certification status at the time of, or subsequent to, submission of requested employment information, or in the solicitation of business contracts wherein current certification is either required or inherently beneficial

(advertisements for training courses, consulting services, etc.) shall be a violation of this section.

5.3. The Certificate Holders' credentials may only be used for use within the amusement industry. AIMS International has not qualified these individuals for non amusement industry activities.

5.4. The Certificate Holders shall not disclose proprietary information, (i.e., commercially valuable information not generally known) concerning business affairs or technical processes of a present or former client or employer, without their written consent, except as necessary to perform their duties.

6. Responsibility for Reporting:

Certificate Holders have a responsibility to report to the Certification Committee verifiable knowledge of unauthorized practice by another Certificate Holder or any party falsely claiming AIMS International certification.

7. Unauthorized Practice:

Any violation of any part of this standard of conduct prescribed by this Code of Ethics if related to a Certificate Holder's occupation, including any violation of the Code of Ethics contained in this standard, shall constitute an unauthorized practice subject to the imposition of sanctions.

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