WSO–Certified Safety Technician [WSO-CST]

WSO-CST is an entry level designation for specialists in safety related disciplines, i.e.: fire science, industrial hygiene, occupational safety and health, nuclear safety, loss control, etc. (This designation is not a prerequisite for other WSO professional certifications.)

Application Requirements

An applicant must be a current WSO Affiliate Member, be of good moral character, meet application requirements, satisfy the educational and experience criteria, and submit the required membership fees. All applications for certification shall be on forms prescribed and furnished by the Board. Processing shall conform with procedures prescribed by the Board.

General Requirements

1) A Bachelor degree in Safety or associated discipline and current employment in a safety position; or
2) An Associate degree in Safety or an associated discipline, three years field experience in safety, and currently employed in a safety position; or
3) Five years field experience in safety or associated discipline and currently employed in a safety position.

Special Requirements

1) The applicant must be an affiliate member of the WSO. The applicant must complete an Application for Certification form and provide two "Candidate Evaluations" from individuals familiar with applicant's work in safety. Individuals just completing college or university degree programs must provide recommendations from two of their instructors/professors.
2) Applicant wishing to advance to WSO-CSE, WSO-CSM, WSO-CSS, WSO-CSSD must agree to complete at least one WSO approved safety course or training program (or approved equivalent) per year for a period of five years and then take the examination for the professional certification no later than one year after the completion of the last training course/program.

Applicants must agree to abide by the code of professional ethics followed by all certified members of the WSO.

Written Examination Requirements

Applicants who meet the application, academic, experience, and general requirements, submit required membership fees, and are approved by the WSO Certification Board, must take the written or online examination. The written or online examination for the WSO–Certified Safety Technician covers the following areas: general safety knowledge.

Special Note: WSO–Certified Safety Technician wishing to advance to WSO professional certification level may be assigned a mentor (upon request) who will advise and monitor the professional advancement of the WSO-CST for the five year period. At the end of the five year period the mentor may recommend the WSO-CST for the examination or suggest that additional professional training is necessary, whichever is applicable. The written exam for the professional level designation i.e.: WSO-CSE, WSO-CSM, WSO-CSM Construction, WSO-CSS, WSO-CSSD may be given upon completion of five year work, training, and observation period, if requested by the Candidate and approved by the WSO Certification Board. Upon passing the examination, the appropriate certification will be awarded.

About WSO

The WSO was founded in Manila, the Republic of the Philippines, in 1975 as a result of a gathering of over 1,000 representatives of Safety Professionals from all continents at the first World Safety and Accident Prevention Congress.

Headquartered in USA since 1985, the World Safety Organization (WSO) is a global community of people dedicated to "Making Safety a Way of Life ... Worldwide" since 1975. In Consultative Status with the United Nations and having National Offices and Chapters in over 20 countries, WSO has the reputation and reach to bring together diverse safety professionals and practitioners who are transforming the world's corporations, organizations, and communities to meet tomorrow's critical challenges.

The WSO's purpose is to internationalize all safety fields, disseminating throughout the world the practices, skills, arts, and technologies of the safety and accident prevention fields. With worldwide membership in the thousands, the WSO is undergoing a strong growth period. Through individual referrals and recommendations from WSO members, there is continuous growth in membership and the pool of professionals seeking the WSO certifications.

WSO's International/National Offices and Membership Chapters provide convenient venues for safety professionals and practitioners to avail of the benefits of WSO Membership and Certification.

In 2017 WSO's Certification Program was accredited in compliance with ISO/IEC 17024:2012, an international standard which sets out criteria for an organization's certification program for individual persons, by the International Certification Accreditation Council (ICAC). Learn more about WSO at www.worldsafety.org.

About ICAC

The International Certification Accreditation Council (ICAC) is an alliance of organizations dedicated to assuring competency, professional management, and service to the public by encouraging and setting standards for licensing, certification, and credentialing programs. The ICAC itself operates under the international guidelines established as a quality assurance regimen for accreditation bodies (*ISO/IEC 17011 – Conformity Assessment: General Requirements for Accreditation Bodies Accrediting Conformity Assessment Bodies*). Learn more about ICAC at www.icacnet.org.