



WSO Professional Certification Categories

WSO-CSE, WSO-CSM, WSO-CSM Construction, WSO-CSS, WSO-CSSD

WSO –Certified Safety Executive [WSO-CSE]

A safety practitioner in an executive position in a corporation, company, government office or other entity, who has in-depth knowledge of safety programs, procedures, and activities, and is responsible for the establishment of safety policies, programs and methods for the organization or entity by who the individual is employed. This individual will utilize knowledge learned from various educational sources plus competencies acquired from training and professional experiences to prevent, minimize or control hazards and risks that threaten people, resources, and the environment.

WSO–Certified Safety Manager [WSO-CSM]

A safety practitioner who accomplishes the supervision and management work of safety activities at the middle manager's level. He/she enforces policies and safety programs, supervises training, and occasionally performs functions of a technical nature in the safety field. He/she is responsible for the coordination of safety programs with all elements of an organization in order to secure the most effective results through and with other people. He/she is responsible for suggesting program or policy changes as they pertain to safety. Under crisis conditions, he/she will develop and implement special programs as the situation requires. He/she must have adequate knowledge and expertise in both management and safety to accomplish his/her mission.

WSO–Certified Safety Manager (Construction) [WSO-CSM (Construction)]

The WSO-CSM (Construction) is very similar to the WSO-CSM, however the WSO provides this certification to the construction industry for credentialing of those with accumulated years of safety experience in this highly specialized field. The WSO-CSM (Construction) exam is specifically designed for construction work, rather than predominantly General Industry and Maintenance covered by/under the WSO-CSM.

WSO–Certified Safety Specialist [WSO-CSS]

A safety practitioner who specializes in a specific area in the safety profession. The concentration must be in a definite area such as fire safety, transportation safety, nuclear safety, hazardous materials, product safety, health care safety, electrical safety, oil well drilling & servicing, ladder safety etc. He/she must be able to perform both the technical and management work of safety in his/her respective field in order to secure the most effective results through and with other people. He/she performs all of the technical and management work required of the safety position.

WSO–Certified Safety & Security Director [WSO-CSSD]

An individual responsible for the safety and security of people, property, resources or environment or any single segment or combined segments thereof. Security must be one of the segments. This individual will utilize knowledge, skills, training and expertise learned from various educational sources plus competencies acquired from actual work and field experiences to prevent or control hazards, potential losses and risks. The applicant must be proficient in the professional skills required in the security profession and have the basic knowledge to cope with and handle any risks in the areas of safety.



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Application Requirements

An applicant must be a current Affiliate Member of the WSO, be of good moral character, meet application requirements, satisfy the educational and experience criteria, pay the required fees, and pass the written examination.

All applications for certification shall be on forms prescribed and furnished by the WSO Certification Board. Processing shall conform with procedures prescribed by the WSO Certification Board. All applicants must be affiliate members of the WSO. He or she must fill out the application for certification, have two "Candidate Evaluations" from individuals familiar with the applicants safety* experience, and a current resume must be submitted to the WSO Certification Board.

Experience Requirements

An applicant must have at least ten years of professional safety experience, or a combination of education and experience to equal 10 years (see below for education equivalents).

Experience Requirements/Equivalents:

- 1) A Candidate for certification with a Bachelor's degree is equivalent to 4 years of the experience requirements. The degree should be in safety, i.e., physical sciences, engineering, safety management, security, or other curricula acceptable to the WSO Certification Board.
- 2) A Master's degree acceptable to the WSO Certification Board may be recognized as equivalent to two additional years of professional safety* work.
- 3) A Doctorate degree, acceptable to the WSO Certification Board, may be recognized as equivalent to three additional years of safety* experience.
- 4) Relevant professional licensing, certification or registration may be recognized by the WSO Certification Board as equivalent for up to two years of professional experience.

Applicants for the Professional Certification designations (WSO-CSE, WSO-CSM, WSO-CSM (Construction), WSO-CSS, WSO-CSSD) must meet all certification requirements for the respective certification. The experience equivalents shall be acceptable at the highest level and shall not be cumulative.

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 applicant will be tested in all of the areas indicated for the respective designations.

The written or online examination for the WSO-Certified Safety Executive covers the following areas: Safety and Loss Control Science, Risk Management, Occupational Safety and Health, Safety Law and Legislation (applicable country), Professional Ethics, and Management Science.

The written or online examination for the WSO-Certified Safety Manager covers the following areas: Safety and Loss Control Science, Risk Management, Occupational Safety and Health, Safety Law and Legislative (applicable country), Professional Ethics, and Management Science.

The general portion of the written or online examination for the WSO-Certified Safety Specialist covers the following areas: Safety Law and Legislation (applicable country), Professional Ethics plus specialized testing in the individual's area of Professional Expertise, i.e.: Industrial Hygiene, Nuclear Safety, Fire Safety, Hazardous Materials Management, Construction Safety, etc. The specialization portion will pertain to your specialty.

The written or online examination for the WSO-Certified Safety & Security Director covers the following areas: Security, Safety and Loss Control Science, Risk Management, Systems Safety, Occupational Safety and Health, Professional Liability, Management Science, and Professional Ethics.

**and security (WSO-CSSD category)*



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.



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