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# CPC: Certified Professional Constructor



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# What is a Certified Professional Constructor certification?

A CPC is the highest level of certification in the American Institute of Constructors' (AIC) Construction Certification Program. It is preceded by the Certified Associate Constructor certification.

CPC-certified individuals possess a deep knowledge of the nine areas covered in the CPC exam, which include:

- Project Scope Development
- Employment Practices
- Working Relationships
- Construction Start-up and Support
- Construction Resource Management
- Construction Cost Control
- Project Closeout
- Construction Safety Management
- Ethics

## Who needs a CPC certification?

A CPC certification is aimed at professionals with several years of experience managing or overseeing construction projects. The certification is not mandatory, but certified individuals do work under the AIC Code of Ethics, which is nationally recognized in the United States.

# **How to become a Certified Professional Constructor**

To become a CPC, a candidate must first have earned – or been exempted from – a Certified Associate Constructor certification. They must also possess four additional years of professional experience than the four years required for CAC certification. Two of those years must have been in a construction management role.

Should they meet the requirements, candidates can register for the CPC exam, which consists of 175 multiple choice questions. Candidates have four hours to complete it. CPC exams are typically given twice per year, in April and November in various locations around the United States.

All candidates must pay a \$200 exam preparation fee, as well as an exam fee, which starts at \$575 for CAC and AIC members, and goes up to \$900 for non-members. For exact details, visit the AIC's website, which is linked below.

## **Renewal requirements for Certified Professional Constructor certifications**

CPC certifications are valid for two years. During that time, certification holders must earn 32 “Continuing Professional Development” through a combination of education and acts of service, which can include conference attendance, professional training, or volunteer work.

# The benefits of Certified Professional Constructor certification

Earning a CPC offers several benefits to employees and their organizations. Some key advantages include the following.



## **Career advancement**

A CPC certification can open doors to new career opportunities and advancement within the construction field. Employers often value certifications when making promotion or hiring decisions.



## **Improved project management**

Employees with CPC certifications are trained to plan, manage, and execute construction projects. This can lead to improved project timelines, budget adherence, and overall efficiency.



## Risk mitigation

A CPC certification proves that an individual deeply understands risk management strategies, safety protocols, and legal compliance regulation. This means that CPC-certified employees can help reduce their organization's exposure to costly or time-consuming errors, accidents, and legal issues.

## Challenges in earning a Certified Professional Constructor certification

Earning a CPC certification may pose several challenges to employees and their organizations. They include the following.



### Finding qualified trainers

Some organizations may choose to provide training programs to prepare employees for the CPC exam. This can be challenging, although [the right skills management software](#) can help you find qualified trainers within your organization.



## Managing employee workloads

Organizations must ensure that employees pursuing CPC certification are not overwhelmed with their regular job responsibilities. This may require managers or team leaders to redistribute workloads or adjust project assignments – another task that can be more easily accomplished with skills management software.



## Ensuring return on investment

Organizations want to see a return on their investment in CPC certification. With this in mind, they will need a way to measure CPC-related project outcomes and employee performance.

# Tips and strategies for preparing for Certified Professional Constructor certification

Here are a few tips for preparing for a CPC certification:

- Download the [CPC exam study guide](#), which will become available to candidates after exam registration
- Familiarize yourself with the [AIC's recertification guidelines](#)
- Understand the [Certified Associate Constructor certification](#) – and set in motion plans to earn it if necessary

# Resources for Certified Professional Constructor certification

For more information and guidance on CPC certification, you can refer to the following resources.

**American Institute of Constructors.** As the sole certifying body for CPC certifications, the [American Institute of Constructors' website](#) should be the first stop for candidates. There, you will find a wealth of information regarding CPC certification, including an exam study guide, eligibility requirements, recertification guidelines, and more.

**Construction skills matrix.** AG5 offers [a free construction industry skills matrix](#) . You can use it identify, track, and manage skills related to CCP certifications in your organization.

## Skills management for Certified Professional Constructors

AG5 stores all certifications in the cloud, providing all authorized personnel with access to the right version of approved certifications. This helps you easily keep track of all data and documentation related to CPC certifications across your organization.

Using AG5's skills management software, you can monitor the status of any type of certification that is relevant to your workforce, leveraging intuitive dashboards that provide you with a clear understanding of exactly what is needed to keep your employees skilled and safe.

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## **Frequently asked questions about Certified Professional Constructors**

### **What is the scope of a Certified Professional Constructor certification?**

A CPC certification is designed for those with several years of experience managing construction projects.

### **Is a Certified Professional Constructor certification mandatory?**

CPC certification is not mandatory.

## **How long does it take to obtain CPC certification?**

This will depend on the candidates qualifications, and whether they are eligible to take the CPC exam. If so, certification, including study time, typically takes a few months.

## **What are the cost considerations for CPC certification?**

Exam fees, recertification fees, and study materials are the typical cost considerations for CPC certification.

## **What is the validity period of ISO 14001 certification?**

CPC certifications are valid for two years, during which time candidates must earn credits for renewal.

## **Can a Certified Professional Constructor certification be integrated with any management systems?**

Yes, a CPC certification can be integrated with a QMS such as ISO 9001 to help align construction best practices with quality standards.

## **How can you learn more about ISO 14001 certification?**

Visit the [AIC's website](#).

## **Sources**

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