AWP/WFP Certification
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Why certification?... you tell me
History

Discussed at COAA (Construction Owners Association of Alberta) since 2008

COAA Committee established in 2012 to develop a plan to certify WorkFace Planners

Decided that an independent non-profit body should be established to establish the standards and certify WFP and AWP Planners
History

AWP Certifications Inc a non-profit was creating in 2014 and incorporated in 2015. They have an advisory board of over 30 from the Owner, EPC, Contractor, Educational, and Labor Provider Communities
History

They have developed a competency profile for WorkFace Planners and are developing a profile for Advanced Work Packaging Planners.
Certifications

WorkFace Planning Professionals
Levels 1 and 2 – A trades credential

Advanced Work Packaging Professionals
Levels 1 and 2 – A non-trades credential
WorkFace Planning Professionals

Level 1
A WorkFace Planner in-training has all the background and experience and proficiency necessary to be put in the role of a WorkFace Planner

Level 2
WorkFace Planner has completed level 1 and has the experience as a WorkFace Planner and has demonstrated proficiency as a WorkFace Planner and is a fully qualified WorkFace Planner
Advanced Work Packaging Professionals

Level 1
Advanced Work Packager in-training has all the background and experience and proficiency necessary to have the role of an Advanced Work Packager added to their responsibilities.

Level 2
TBD
Criteria - WFP Level 1

Journeyman's ticket
3 year post-journeyman experience (at least one of those years in a supervisory role)
Leadership for Safety Excellence or the OCIA equivalent
40 hours of approved AWP,WFP Training
Successful completion of the level 1 certification exam

Cost $300
Criteria - WFP Level 2

Level 1 certification
2 years experience as a full time WorkFace Planner
Successful Completion of the Level 2 certification exam

Cost $200
Recertification – Level 1 or 2 WFP

Every 3 years a level 1 or 2 WFP need to obtain 60 PDU (professional development units)
1 PDU for each 1000 hours worked to a maximum of 45,000 hours or 45 PDU
1 PDU for each hour of approved training to a maximum of 60 PDU

Cost $150
Criteria - AWP Level 1

A diploma or university degree in engineering, construction management, or business administration and 3 years experience working in a construction or engineering related role

Successful completion of 16 hours of approved AWP training

Successful completion of the level 1 certification exam (Cost $300)
Criteria - AWP Level 1 Alternate

A diploma or university and 5 years experience working in a construction or engineering related role

Successful completion of 16 hours of approved AWP training

Successful completion of the level 1 certification exam (Cost $300)
Criteria - WFP Level 2

TBD
Recertification – Level 1

Every 3 years a level 1 AWP need to obtain 60 PDU (professional development units)
1 PDU for each 100 hours worked to a maximum of 4,500 hours or 45 PDU
1 PDU for each hour of approved training to a maximum of 60 PDU

Cost $150
Timeline

WFP Level 1
Piloting now
wide release December

WFP Level 2
Piloting in March
Wide release May
Timeline
AWP Level 1
Piloting in November
Wide release January
AWP Level 2
Piloting in May
Wide release September
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