

Certification

It is required that all personnel performing ITM on fire alarm and fire suppression systems be certified by the National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies (NICET) as follows:

1. ITM on fire alarm systems is to be performed by technicians NICET certified for fire alarm systems as follows:
 - a. NICET Level III or IV - Technicians working independently and lead technician on a working team.
 - b. NICET Level II - Technicians working under daily supervision of a technician certified as NICET Level III or higher.
 - c. NICET Level I – Technicians working under continuous supervision of a technician certified as NICET Level III or higher.
2. ITM on water-based fire suppression systems is to be performed by technicians NICET certified for water-based fire suppression systems as follows:
 - a. NICET Level III or IV - Technicians working independently and lead technician on a working team.
 - b. NICET Level II - Technicians working under daily supervision of a technician certified as NICET Level III or higher.
 - c. NICET Level I – Technicians working under continuous supervision of a technician certified as NICET Level III or higher.
3. ITM on special hazard suppression systems is to be performed by technicians NICET certified for special hazards as follows:
 - a. NICET Level III or IV - Technicians working independently and lead technician on a working team.
 - b. NICET Level II - Technicians working under daily supervision of a technician certified as NICET Level III or higher.
 - c. NICET Level I – Technicians working under continuous supervision of a technician certified as NICET Level III or higher.
4. It is recommended that all personnel performing ITM on pre-engineered suppression systems be certified by the manufacturer of the system.
5. It is required that all personnel performing ITM on any fire protection or life safety systems be certified by the state or local authority.
6. Certain local jurisdictions may require varying levels of continuing education to maintain recognized journeyman/craftsman-level qualifications. Contact their Safety Coordinator for guidance on local qualification requirements.