



WASHINGTON BUILDING SAFETY MUTUAL AID SYSTEM

BUILDING SAFETY EMERGENCY RESPONDER

(Application form is part of this bulletin)

CREDENTIALING

The Washington Building Safety Mutual Aid System was authorized by the 62nd Washington Legislature on April 29, 2011, under ESHB 1406 and codified under RCW 24.60. The Washington Association of Building Officials (WABO) has accepted responsibility for establishing the Building Safety Mutual Aid System and for administering the credentialing of the State’s building safety responders wishing to participate in the system.

Under the system responders are assigned a “type” that indicates their qualifications and capabilities. Applicants for credentialing indicate the type for which they are applying and provide documentation of required training and education appropriate for that level. The WABO credentialing committee reviews and approves all applications for credentials. Upon approval, responders receive a photo identification badge indicating their responder type and other competencies that may be of use in the response to emergencies.

In an effort to develop a catalogue of responder capabilities, applicants are asked to provide a list of any additional expertise which they are able to lend to an emergency response. That information will be maintained in a database by WABO that will be made available to jurisdictions seeking emergency assistance.

CREDENTIAL TYPE

Type	Duties/Limits	Minimum Qualifications^{a,b,c}
IV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single family residences • Accessory structures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICS 100 • Any ICC Certification • ATC 20 or 45 or CAL-EMA
III	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wood-framed, multi-family and commercial structures up to 3 stories 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICS 100 • ICC Res. Plans Examiner or Residential Inspector Certification • ATC 20 or 45 or CAL-EMA
II	<p><u>Non-structural evaluation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All multi-family and commercial structures <p><u>Structural evaluation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi-family and commercial structures up to 5 stories 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICS 100 • ICC Building Plans Examiner; or Building Inspector Certification; or Registered Architect • ATC 20 or 45 or CAL-EMA
I	<p><u>Structural evaluation only:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi-family and commercial structures over 5 stories and complex structures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICS 100 • Registered Civil or Structural Engineer • ATC 20 or 45 or CAL-EMA

a. Experience may be substituted for required certification as follows:

Type I – 5 years; Type II – 2 years; Type III & IV – 1 year

b. Certification as ICC Disaster Response Inspector is deemed to comply with all required minimum qualifications for Types II, III, and IV.

c. All levels are recommended to hold a current first aid/CPR card.

CREDENTIAL ISSUANCE AND RENEWAL

Building safety emergency responder credentials are issued for a period of three years, after which individuals must apply for renewal and demonstrate maintenance of required certifications, training and education. Responders may

update credentials at any time by completing an update application and presenting evidence of required training and education for the desired responder type.

Upon approval of application WABO will assign the responder a unique identification number and will issue the responder a photo identification badge signifying their emergency responder status.

Failure to renew credentials prior to the expiration date may result in loss of the credential.

IDENTIFICATION CARD

Individuals holding a Building Safety Emergency Responder identification card should note that it states on their card that "the card is the property of WABO." The card is provided to serve as identification and evidence of the holders capabilities during a building safety emergency.

CREDENTIAL REVOCATION

Cause(s) for revocation of a credential shall be determined by the credentialing review committee. One such cause is misrepresentation of an individual's compliance with credentialing requirements.

FEE

A \$25.00 registration/renewal fee is charged at the time of application. This fee helps offset the cost of administration of the program. Fees are payable to WABO at the time of application.

LOST IDENTIFICATION CARDS

Identification cards which have been lost require replacement. To obtain a replacement card, submit an email or letter to WABO indicating brief circumstances surrounding the loss. The fee for replacement card is \$20.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

INITIAL APPLICANTS

Initial applicants for WABO's Building Safety Emergency Responder credential must submit the following:

1. Completed and signed application form.
2. Evidence of current ICC certification or professional registration as applicable to the credential sought
3. Evidence of completion of National Incident Management System (NIMS) ICS 100 course
4. Evidence of completion of Applied Technology Council (ATC) 20 and/or 45 course
5. A current digital photograph (can be emailed to WABO office)
6. Application fee of \$25

RENEWAL/UPDATE APPLICANTS

Renewal and update applicants must submit the following:

1. Completed and signed application form. In completing the application form, applicants must provide their name, individual credential number, and any updated contact or capability information.
2. Evidence of current ICC certification or professional registration as applicable to the credential sought
3. Evidence of completion of Applied Technology Council (ATC) 20 and/or 45 course within the past 5 years

DIRECTIONS: Please answer the questions thoroughly. Type or print all responses. If submitting electronically, form must be hand signed prior to conversion to pdf for transmittal. Electronic signatures will not be accepted.

MAIL THE **ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY** OF THE COMPLETED APPLICATION, APPLICANT QUALIFICATION DOCUMENTATION AND \$25 APPLICATION FEE TO:

**WABO
PO BOX 7310
OLYMPIA, WA 98507-7310**

Application materials may also be submitted electronically by e-mailing the completed application package in pdf format to: jrogers@wabo.org.

3. Education and Training Information

Provide copies of all applicable certification, training and educational qualifications as described in the matrix above.

4. Additional Capabilities Information

List all additional certifications, licenses, registrations, and capabilities the applicant can provide in the event of an emergency. Information will be maintained in the program data base and made available to requesting jurisdictions in the event of an emergency (i.e. additional ICC certifications, CDL, Adv. ICS etc.)

Description	Certifying Organization	Cert. Number	Expiration Date
(Example) Electrical Inspector	ICC	xxxx-xx	xx/xx/xx

6. Information Accuracy Certification and Inquiry Consent

I certify that all statements, answers and information given as part of this application process are accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that giving false and/or misleading information may be cause for rejection of this application or revocation of subsequent credentialing as a Building Safety Emergency Responder.

I consent and authorize representatives of the Washington Association of Building Officials to request any information concerning my employment, education, certification or other information pertinent to this application.

Signature of Applicant (please sign within the box using black ink)

_____ (Date)

WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF BUILDING OFFICIALS

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Review Date _____

Approved

Denied

For WABO Credentialing Committee _____ Date _____