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**IMSA Traffic Signal Inspector** 

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# TRAFFIC SIGNAL CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS



### **IMSA Traffic Signal Technician I**

Description: The IMSA Traffic Signal Technician I
Exam certifies the holder as being knowledgeable in
the basic terminology and operation of signalized
traffic control devices and systems. The exam tests the
student's knowledge of standards and specifications
of basic cabinet wiring and components; operating
principles; vehicle detection; communications systems;
the tools, processes and materials used to build signal
systems; the fundamentals of traffic signal installation
and maintenance; and legal concerns. With the right
supervision and direction, the bearer of this certification
is ready to contribute to any traffic signal crew that is
working on construction, maintenance or design.

*Target Audience:* Entry-level technicians who have some basic knowledge of electrical, computers and construction techniques.

Prerequisite: 1 year of traffic signal related experience; Current IMSA Work Zone Temporary Traffic Control Technician or IMSA approved Work Zone equivalent.

### **IMSA Traffic Signal Field Technician II**

Description: The IMSA Traffic Signal Field Technician II Exam certifies the holder possesses formal training and hands-on experience that provide a solid foundation in traffic signal technology. The exam demonstrates the technician's extensive training in evaluating traffic signal control systems, troubleshooting and performing on-site repairs, preventive maintenance techniques and testing equipment. The following topics are covered in the exam: programming and replacement of signal equipment, traffic signal troubleshooting, traffic signal standards, signal operation phasing, timing and detection installation and testing, documentation and asset management practices. Regardless of whether they work for a private company or a government organization, those who hold this certification are ready to contribute significantly to the upkeep and repair of signalized intersections.

Target Audience: Individuals who participate in all aspects of Traffic Signal specialties.

*Prerequisites:* Current IMSA Traffic Signal Technician I; Two years of experience is required in the field of traffic operations.

## **IMSA Traffic Signal Construction Technician II**

Description: The IMSA Traffic Signal Construction II Exam certifies the holder's thorough knowledge of traffic signal installation techniques and standards. A technician who earns this certification has substantial training in traffic signal construction, material management and overall construction safety. Various signal structures, signal heads, vehicle detection, cabinet and electrical supply, conduit and wiring installation are some of the tasks covered, as well as project management tasks, paperwork and the safe operation of construction equipment (from concrete saws to cranes). The setup and testing of new signal installation is also covered.

Target Audience: Individuals who are ready to contribute significantly to the traffic signal construction team where the focus is on new or replacement traffic signals.

*Prerequisite:* Current IMSA Traffic Signal Technician I; Two years of experience is required in the field of traffic operations.

### IMSA Traffic Signal Sr. Field Technician III

Description: The IMSA Traffic Signal Sr. Field Technician III Certification is designed to test an individual's knowledge and skills of advanced traffic signal technologies used in the industry. Students wishing to acquire this certification should have knowledge of the following: M.U.T.C.D. (current edition), understanding of basic electronics and electrical standards in the National Electrical Code and/or Canadian Electrical Code, National Electric Safety Code (NESC), ITE – Traffic Control Devices Handbook (current edition), NEMA Standards TS1/TS2, CalTrans Standards 170/2070, various traffic detection methods (acoustic, microwave, radar, loops, etc.) lightning and grounding protection devices, traffic signal preemption devices and data communications methods (copper, fiber optic, wireless, etc.).

*Target Audience:* Those who are knowledgeable of traffic signal technologies and operations.

Prerequisite: Current IMSA Traffic Signal Field Technician II; Five years of experience is required in the field of traffic signal operations

### **IMSA Traffic Signal Inspector**

Description: The IMSA Traffic Signal Inspector
Certification is intended to improve public safety by
demonstrating that the holder comprehends the basic
ideas related to traffic signal installation inspections.
Our transportation system relies heavily on traffic
signals, and the smooth operation of these signals is
crucial to preserving safe mobility. Knowledgeable
traffic signal inspectors are required to make sure that
proper/specified construction techniques and standards
are followed for signal installation, resulting in signals
that perform properly. Proper project management and
communication is imperative to a safe and efficient traffic
signal installation. An important component of lowering
the liability exposure of governmental organizations due
to broken traffic lights is knowledgeable inspection.

Target Audience: Individuals who are liable for inspecting traffic signal construction. It is also beneficial for contractors as it shows an inspector's point of view for traffic signal construction.

Prerequisite: Current IMSA Traffic Signal Certification.

