



About AFS Certified Professional

You can now qualify to earn an industry-recognized filtration certification, the AFS Certified Professional (AFSCP). AFS has undertaken a thorough and collaborative process to develop this certification program to respond to the growing demands of today's environment. In establishing this certification, AFS helps organizations hire the most qualified managers through certification and gives individuals a set of recognized criteria to validate their qualifications and advance their careers.

New for 2024: You may now gain certification in the appropriate air/gas or solid/liquid discipline. Twelve (12) hours of AFS education are required: Introduction to Filter Media for both certifications and Introduction to Solid/Liquid Separation or Introduction to Air/Gas to fulfill the education requirements.

Why YOU should become AFSCP Certified

Regardless of your career stage, the AFS Certification will distinguish you in the job market by highlighting your expertise and commitment to professional development. The AFS Certification will enhance your effectiveness in working with filtration products and technologies by providing you with the following:

- Industry recognition of a basic understanding of filtration technology and applications
- Validation of filtration competency in the workplace
- Access to industry experts affiliated with the AFS training program
- Demonstrate commitment to training and development in your filtration career
- Ability to use the designation on letterhead, business cards, and other forms of communications



Certification Process

1. **Fulfill Eligibility Criteria**—Before you apply, you must meet the education, training, and experience criteria for the AFSCP certification. To find out the eligibility requirements, consult the FAQs.
2. **Complete Application**—Once you have determined that you meet the eligibility criteria, it is time to apply. Our online certification system will guide you through the process.
3. **Application Review** - Once we receive your application, we will verify that you meet the eligibility criteria. The application review period will typically take less than ten (10) business days. Once it is complete, we will email you to move on to the next step. We will email you further instructions and directions if we have any questions regarding your application.
4. **Prepare for the Exam** – You must complete the required courses and study for the exam with the course handouts provided with the required courses.
5. **Site for the Exam** – It will be administered once in person and once virtually annually.

Frequently Asked Questions:

What requirements must be met before sitting for the exam?

- Bachelor's degree (or equivalent) in science, engineering, technologies, business, or management, or a minimum of five years of work experience in the filtration industry
- Twelve (12) hours of AFS education must be completed with two of the required introductory certification courses through AFS Introduction to Filter Media, Introduction to Air/Gas, or Introduction to Solid/Liquid Separation
- Comply with the AFS Integrity Policy and AFS Anti-Trust Policy

How much does it cost to take the exam?

- The exam fee is \$350 for each certification exam

How is the exam administered?

- The exam is a proctored and timed examination. You will have a maximum of two hours to complete the exam

How do I prepare for the exam?

- Course handouts will be provided for each required course once you purchase the course, either live or on-demand.
- Applicants can be connected to the course instructors for any questions by contacting Connie Rhea at connie@afssociety.org

Which exam is appropriate for me?

- **Depending on your discipline, you may prefer to take the:**
 - Solid/Liquid Separations Specialist Certification
 - Air/Gas Separations Specialist Certification