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Why Become Certified?

The simple answer is that to remain as competitive as possible today, you must be certified. With the recent changes in security awareness caused by 9/11, the bar has been raised in the security profession. Employers, contractors, governments and even clients are now taking additional steps to ensure that they are hiring or working with the most skilled and knowledgeable individuals in the security business. Many States are including in their licensing regulations the same requirements as those for ALOA's certifications. Professional certifications from ALOA offer another screening tool – one that has the backing and credibility of the preeminent professional association in the world for those who are responsible for locks, safes, and physical security.

Every profession requires specialized skills. Not every employer knows that you have those skills. In short, certification is an investment in your career, your livelihood, your future. However you want to say it, taking the initiative to gain certification verifies to your customers or employer that your skills are current, valuable and validated. Giving you the personal satisfaction that you are a proven master of your profession. Plus you will have raised your own confidence level by providing you with the knowledge and abilities to take on new challenges.

If you want...

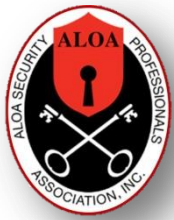
- To demonstrate your advanced knowledge as a locksmith/safe technician
- To gain instant professional credibility
- To advance your career
- To stand head and shoulders above the competition
- To increase your earnings potential
- To be a step ahead with licensing in your state

...then you should become certified today.

As an international trade association, ALOA recognizes professionalism and proficiency among locksmiths by granting the designations ALOA Fundamental Locksmith (AFL), Certified Automotive Locksmiths (CAL), Certified Registered Locksmith (CRL), Certified Professional Locksmith (CPL), and Certified Master Locksmith (CML). Available to all locksmiths, the Proficiency Registration Program (PRP) evaluates, through participation tracking and testing, the educational and technical competence of dedicated individuals in a wide range of subjects such as hardware installation, key duplication, automotive, high security cylinders, safe and vault locks, master keying, alarms, and access control devices.

Locksmith Certification Categories

The Proficiency Registration Evaluation currently consists of thirty-six categories, ten of which are mandatory. The mandatory categories are Codes and Code Equipment; Cylinder Servicing; Key Blank



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Identification; Key Duplication; Key Impressioning; Professional Lock Opening Techniques; Lockset Functions; Lockset Servicing; Basic Master Keying; and Cabinet, Furniture and Mailbox Locks.

The remaining twenty-six categories are electives which may be selected according to each locksmith's field of specialization or expanding knowledge. This number will vary as technology changes. Each elective contains between twenty-five and forty questions, depending on the subject covered.

Certification Levels

To achieve the *first* level of certification, Certified Registered Locksmith **CRL**, a passing grade (70 %+) is required on the mandatory section and any two electives.

To achieve the *intermediate* level of certification, Certified Professional Locksmith **CPL**, a passing grade (70 %+) is required on each of any twelve additional electives.

To achieve the *highest* level of certification, Certified Master Locksmith **CML**, a passing grade (70 %+) is required on each of any nine of the remaining electives.

ALOA has certified 3,900 of our members nationwide with an additional 2,500 who are presently in the early stages of certification. ALOA provides the licensing exam for the State of Illinois Department of Professional Regulation and has worked with other city and state agencies in setting up their qualifications for locksmith hiring and requirements for licensing.

ALOA Fundamental Locksmith (AFL)

The ALOA Fundamental Locksmith (AFL) designation has completed ALOA's Six Day Basic Locksmithing Course and then has passed the after-class examination is given on the last day. An AFL has enough general Locksmithing knowledge to function as an apprentice locksmith. An AFL is recognized for training or experience but is not PRP tested or certified. This is not a path for advanced certification levels.

Certified Registered Locksmith (CRL)

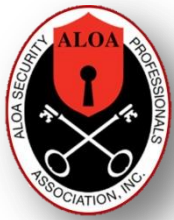
The first level of locksmith certification is Certified Registered Locksmith (CRL). A Certified Registered Locksmith has passed the ten mandatory categories, as well as at least two specialized electives of his choice. A CRL has a good working knowledge of general locksmithing.

Certified Professional Locksmith (CPL)

The second level of locksmith certification is Certified Professional Locksmith (CPL). A Certified Professional Locksmith has earned the CRL designation and has succeeded in passing an additional twelve elective categories. A CPL has an advanced knowledge of general locksmithing and of many specialized areas.

Certified Master Locksmith (CML)

The highest level of locksmith certification is Certified Master Locksmith (CML). A Certified Master Locksmith has reached the highest level of ALOA's Proficiency Registration Program and has successfully demonstrated proficiency in ninety percent of the available categories of the Proficiency Registration Program. A CML has advanced knowledge of most areas of locksmithing and electronic security.



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Certified Professional Safe Technician (CPS)

The first level of the SafeTech certification is Certified Professional Safe Technician (CPS) – A CPS has successfully demonstrated proficiency in 17 safe and vault related categories.

Certified Master Safe Technician (CMST)

The highest level of the SafeTech certification Certified Master Safe Technician (CMST) – A CMST has successfully demonstrated advanced proficiency in safe and vault related categories.

If you have any additional questions about ALOA or becoming a locksmith, you may call me at the ALOA headquarters 214-819-9733 ext.101.