IRF Global Road Safety Credentials

Applicant Guide
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Who Should Apply?

If you are an accomplished road safety professional with experience leading cross-functional road safety teams, then the IRF Global Credentials are the right choice for you.

Prerequisites

You must meet the following standard requirements:

- have at least five (5) years relevant experience in a road design, road construction, traffic law enforcement or traffic engineering field.
- have attended a certified training course equivalent to at least eight (8) Professional Development Hours (PDHs) that covers Road Safety Legal Issues, Legislation and Policy, Collision Investigation, Road Safety Engineering, or Road Design
- demonstrate awareness of developments in best practices and state of the art technologies regarding road safety through active participation in conferences and/or trade fairs.

Additionally, for professionals applying for the Road Safety Audit Team Leader Professional Credential, you must demonstrate:

- formal training in Road Safety Audits equivalent to at least sixteen (16) Professional Development Hours (PDHs)
- provide verifiable evidence of participation on RSA teams that conducted a minimum of three (3) large road safety audits/inspections requiring over ten (10) person-days level of effort each OR six (6) small road safety audits/inspections requiring less than ten (10) person-days level of effort each within thirty-six (36) months prior to application for RSATL Credential.

Please note that for purpose of these standard requirements, a "Road Safety Audit" is understood to mean a Road Safety Audit and/or a Road Safety Inspection.

Gain and Maintain Your Global Credential

After reviewing supporting videos, you must complete a Qualifying Knowledge Exam (QKE) comprising forty randomized questions ventilated across four categories: the Safe System Approach, the Theory and Practice of Road Safety Audits, Road Safety by Design, and Case Studies.

Additionally, for professionals applying for the Road Safety Audit Team Leader Professional Credential, you will also be asked to submit Qualifying Professional Experience (QPE) by completing three audit reports comprising a scheme description, illustration of problem identification & solving, and have these attested by a verified third party. These briefs will be evaluated by an independent third party contracted by IRF.

IRF Professional Credentials are valid for a period of two years from the time they are issued to you.

Price

- "Safe Roads by Design" Professional Credential - Practitioner Level

  Application: US$450

  Renewal (after two years): US$200

- "Road Safety Audit Team Leader" Professional Credential

  Application: US$650

  Renewal (after two years): US$200

Discounts are available for IRF members and multiple applications submitted by one organization.

Legal Disclaimer

By submitting their application, the applicant acknowledges that the IRF will apply the internal standards adopted by its Board to evaluate the applicant, and that it may reject any applicant who does not meet its minimum standards for certification. In consideration of the IRF's acceptance and processing of an application, the applicant agrees to waive any and all claims of liability or responsibility against the IRF and to indemnify and hold harmless the IRF, its directors, officers, committee members, employees, agents and representatives against any and all such injury, damages, or claims made by or on behalf of any person, partnership, government, association, or corporation. The applicant further acknowledges that the IRF, its directors, officers, committee members, employees, agents or representatives are not liable to the applicant, or to any other person, partnership, government, association, or corporation, in any way for any injury, damages, or claims alleged to be based upon or arising out of the approval or disapproval or the issuance, withdrawal, or termination of any certification issued by the IRF.

The IRF reserves the right to change or amend the requirements for certification if and when deemed appropriate by the IRF. The IRF further reserves the right to revoke a certification if, in the opinion of the IRF, the person concerned has violated or shown flagrant disregard for the professional conduct and ethics that are incumbent to road safety audit team leaders.

Since the program is entirely voluntary, the IRF assumes no responsibility for any loss or disadvantage, real or imagined, which may be alleged to have resulted from a disapproval of an application for certification or revocation of the certificate once given.

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Submitting a New Application

1. Please go to https://www.irf.global/rsatl-application/ and fill out the form to provide some background information so that IRF can verify that you meet the standard requirements.

2. Within three working days, your application will be verified. If the review is successful, you will be directed to the payment page.

3. Once on the payment page, please enter your payment details. If you would rather pay by bank transfer, please contact onlinetraining@IRF.global for assistance.

4. Upon acceptance of the payment, you will be provided with a link to access the course and supporting videos. Each video lasts fifteen to thirty minutes, and it is highly recommended you take an opportunity view them, even if you are familiar with the subject.

   Once you are ready to take the exam, begin the quiz. Once you start the quiz, you have three hours to answer forty randomized questions. Please note that no credits are given for partially correct answers.

   You must achieve a score of eighty percent or better to pass the Qualifying Knowledge Exam. You are allowed to take the exam up to three times during a thirty-day period. If you are unable to pass the exam on the third attempt, you must reapply and will be charged a fee equal to fifty percent of the original registration fee. IRF will have the sole, final decision whether or not to allow an applicant to reapply once the applicant fails the exam three times

   Here is an example of a multiple choice question you might see on the exam:

Which of the following is a road traffic safety indicator that is often used to compare the road safety levels of different countries?

- Indicators of potential traffic conflict
- Number of deaths & serious injuries per 100,000 population
- Seatbelt usage indicator
- Average speed on a given road section

5. Congratulations! You have passed the Road Safety Audit Qualifying Knowledge Exam:

    a. If you applied for the “Safe Roads by Design” Professional Credential, IRF will contact within 3 working days with a copy of your certificate.

    b. For professionals applying for the Road Safety Audit Team Leader Professional Credential, you must now complete and submit **three audit reports** (one for each road safety audit or inspection you wish to submit) as well as at least **one attestation** that you led or took part in the submitted road safety audits / inspections signed by a verified third party. Verified third parties could include the scheme owner/road operator, your employer or a road safety / engineering society you belong to.

    The audit brief form is available for download at this site: http://www.IRF.global/assets/doc/IRF-RSA-Audit-Brief.docx

    Please submit your audit reports and attestation letter(s) by email to Magid Elabyad: melabyad@irf.global

    The briefs will be reviewed by an independent third party and feedback will be provided within ten working days. If issues are identified with the submissions, a member of the IRF staff will detail proposed remediation measures. To ensure quality standards, if these measures are not implemented to the sole satisfaction of IRF, the applicant will be rejected.