



What is the UL QFCP?

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What is the UL QFCP (Qualified Firestop Contractor Program)?

What is needed to become Certified?

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- Step 2 - Pass an on-site (office & job-site) audit assessment

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What is the UL QFCP (Qualified Firestop Contractor Program)

UL's qualified contractor program currently consists of the Qualified Firestop Contractor Program and Qualified SFRM Contractor Program offering the industries independent, third party examination and audit services for the following:

- ❑ Acknowledgement of a Designated Responsible Individual (DRI) who has met Program Requirements and passed a written exam that tests knowledge of the FCIA Firestop Manual of Practice (Firestop Contractor Program) and the NFCA Manual of Practice (SFRM Contractor Program) and the UL Fire Resistance Directory.
- ❑ Assessment of Contractor's established Management System and an on-site audit to determine conformance in accordance with applicable Program Requirements.



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1. *Acknowledgement of a Designated Responsible Individual (DRI)*, who has met Program Requirements and passed a written exam that tests knowledge of the FCIA Firestop Manual of Practice (Firestop Contractor Program) and the NFCA Manual of Practice (SFRM Contractor Program) and the UL Fire Resistance Directory.
 - a. *Each Contractor under this Program shall have at least one Designated Responsible Individual (DRI), who is employed by the Contractor and meets the Program Requirements*
 - b. *The contractor DRI shall possess demonstrated knowledge, of industry practices as evidenced – Meaning they need to pass the UL Firestop Exam with a score of 80% or better. by completion of a required UL written examination administered by UL Knowledge Services.*
 - c. *A DRI for each unique Contractor location may be required as determined by UL.*
 - d. *In the event the DRI is no longer employed by the Contractor or is otherwise unable to fulfill the duties of DRI, the Contractor shall carry out the following to remain in the Program:*
 - ✓ Immediately notify UL.
 - ✓ Immediately initiate the Contingency Plan for continued compliance with Program Requirements.
 - ✓ Employ or qualify a replacement DRI within 120 days.



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1. Acknowledgement of a Designated Responsible Individual (DRI)- Cont.....

e. To maintain continued certification as the contractor employee or DRI shall:

This certificate is valid for a three (3) year period and subject to the rules and conditions of the Program Requirements.

- *Achieve at least 6 continuing education units (CEUs) for every three years. One (1) CEU credit is equal to 10 contact hours of participation in organized industry related continued education.*

- *Retake the Firestop Exam*

***NOTE: The exam can be taken during any of the FCIA Conferences, or On-Line at –

For the Basic Exam - - -

<https://lms.ulknowledgeservices.com/catalog/display.resource.aspx?resourceid=549095>

For the Canadian Certification - - - -

<http://lms.ulknowledgeservices.com/catalog/display.resource.aspx?resourceid=549125>



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2. **The Contractor must pass an Initial Audit Assessment** of your Quality Process (this includes verification of your Management System Manual [MS Manual] as well as an On-Site visit, to verify the processes are carried out on the job-site)...
 - a. *A Management System Manual must be created that contains* (as a minimum) the following criteria:
 - I. 1.0 Construction Document Requirements and Review
 - II. 2.0 Procurement of Firestop Materials
 - III. 3.0 Storage, Handling, Preservation and Delivery
 - IV. 4.0 Installation, Application and Field Quality Assurance Procedures
 - V. 5.0 Inspection, Testing and Calibration
 - VI. 6.0 *Control of Nonconforming Firestop Materials and Systems
 - VII. 7.0 Training and Qualification of Staff
 - VIII. 8.0 *Corrective/Preventive Action
 - IX. 9.0 Management System Monitoring and Improvement
 - X. 10.0 *Documentation and Record Keeping



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*****NOTE: The following elements MUST BE DOCUMENTED:**

- 6.0 *Control of Nonconforming Firestop Materials and Systems
 - 8.0 *Corrective/Preventive Action
 - 10.0 *Documentation and Record Keeping
- An assessment report will be provided to you, within 48 hours of the initial assessment.
 - *If there are any findings, you will have 30 days (from the date of the initial assessment) to respond with your Corrective Action*
 - If there are No Findings – you will receive your final assessment report & your UL Certificate within 48 hours.



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c. You will notice your UL QFCP Certificate is good until December 31st, of the following year.



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3. You can request an application for the UL QFCP from:

a. firesafetyquote@ul.com

b. From myself – Pam Blanchette – Operations manager for UL QFCP

* NOTE: you will then need to send it to firesafetyquote@ul.com

4. Once you complete the application and send it to UL, you will receive a quote for the Initial assessment.

- You will need to “accept” the quote and this will get the ball rolling.

NOTE: Many new companies are requested to pay for the initial assessment up-front, prior to the audit. This is only until you have established a good credit line with UL.



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5. To Maintain the UL QFCP Certification (for the company)...
 - a. **You will need to have an annual assessment audit** performed by the UL Auditor some time during the following year.
 - i. The re-audit will include a comprehensive audit of the Contractor's Management System. The purpose of the re-audit is to determine if the Contractor, their DRI and their Management System remains in compliance to program requirements
 - b. Once you have passed the annual assessment, **you will receive a renewed UL – QFCP Certificate, with a new expiration date.**
 - c. **Your DRI will need to maintain his/her Certificate** (as noted in the previous slides.



Certifications

- List of UL and ULC Qualified Contractors at www.ul.com
- <https://industries.ul.com/blog/firestop-op-contractor-programs>
- Site contains:
 - Program overview
 - Links to exam dates and sessions
 - Link to FCIA
 - Link to program requirements PDF which can be downloaded
- Product Spec and Code Resources



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PRODUCT CATEGORIES

- Cavity materials
- Curtain-wall insulation
- Fill materials
- Firestop devices
- Forming materials
- Through-penetrating materials
- Void materials

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Links

- Online Certifications Directory »
- Canadian Online Certifications Directory »
- Product Spec »
- Code Resources – Fire Resistance »
- Marine Service »
- Firestop Contractor Programs »
- Firestop Installations (Video) »
- Qualified Firestop Contractors »
- Qualified Canadian Firestop Contractors »

Firestops and Joints

Keeping firestop and joint systems code compliant.

Firestop systems can effectively restore the hourly rating of fire-resistive assemblies that have been breached when electrical, plumbing or mechanical items are installed. Joint systems are used to prevent fire from spreading through linear openings between or within fire-resistive floor and/or wall assemblies.

Single-source testing and rating from UL helps ensure that firestop and joint systems comply with current industry standards and provide a high level of protection for people and property. This testing and rating can also be conducted to Canadian standards and European standards.

We also evaluate firestop and joint systems based on the specific characteristics of each material or system for possible flame, temperature, air and smoke leakage, and water resistance ratings.



QUESTIONS?



THANK YOU!



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