



International Association for Identification

CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS

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International Association for Identification

The International Association for Identification, founded in 1915, is a professional membership organization comprised of individuals worldwide who work in the field of forensic identification. With over 7000 members from 77 countries, the IAI remains the oldest and largest forensic science/identification association in the world.



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Mission:

- To associate persons who are actively engaged in the profession of forensic identification, investigation, and scientific examination of physical evidence in an organized body, so that the profession, in all of its branches, may be standardized and effectively and scientifically practiced.
- To encourage the enlargement and improvement of the science of forensic identification and crime detection.
- To encourage research in scientific crime detection.
- To keep its members apprised of the latest techniques and discoveries in forensic identification and crime detection.
- To employ the collective wisdom of the profession to advance the scientific techniques of forensic identification and crime detection.
- To provide training, education and the publication of information in all forensic science disciplines represented by the IAI.



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Certification Programs: **2984** participants world wide

Each program consists of a rigorous educational process, a certification procedure, and re-certification requirements. Each is administered by a certification board comprised of experts in the discipline. All programs operate under a written set of procedures approved by the IAI's Professional Programs Quality Assurance Governing Board.

Disciplines

Crime Scene

Forensic Art

Forensic Photography

Latent Print

Forensic Video

Tenprint

Bloodstain Pattern

Footwear



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- The ***Crime Scene Certification*** program has the largest participation of all of the IAI's certification programs. It is the only one of the programs that has multiple levels of certification. They are:
 - Crime Scene Investigator Certified - 842
 - Crime Scene Analyst Certified - 397
 - Senior Crime Scene Analyst Certified - 348
 - Crime Scene Reconstructionist Certified - 11

Est. 1990



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- ***Certified Latent Print Examiner***

- The Latent Print certification program is the oldest of the IAI's certification programs. It is geared toward examiners who process evidence and crime scenes for friction ridge impressions and compare those impressions to known exemplars or other recovered impressions.

Est. 1977

Certified – 1,010



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- ***Certified Footwear Examiner***
 - Certification as a Footwear Examiner is for those who specialize in the collection of footwear specimens from crime scenes or evidence and comparing them to known exemplars.

Est. 1997

Certified -105



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- ***Certified Forensic Photographer***
 - Applicants for the Forensic Photography certification must demonstrate a proficiency in: crime scene photography; evidence photography; chemical based and digital photography; lighting techniques; special filters; scaling; digital editing and image enhancement; and other aspects

Est. 2000

Certified - 59



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- ***Tenprint Certification Program***
 - For individuals who deal with the creation, management and comparison of fingerprint records used to maintain criminal history records and populate databases used by automated fingerprint identification systems and other biometric identification systems.

Est. 2002

Certified -120



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- The ***Forensic Art Certification program*** offers multiple certifications which are not levels as with the crime scene certification program. These are endorsements which deal with the specific aspect of forensic art in which the applicant wishes to certify. These endorsements are:
 - Composite Imaging
 - Facial Reconstruction
 - Age Enhancement.

Est. 1995

Certified -32



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- ***Certified Bloodstain Pattern Examiner***
 - Deal with the analysis and interpretation of bloodstain evidence found at crime scenes and on evidence. Some of the analysis is based on visual pattern recognition and some involves mathematical calculations based on measurements taken of individual bloodstains.

Est. 1996 Certified -39



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- The ***Forensic Video Certification*** is the IAI's newest program.
 - It is designed for those who are proficient at using the various tools and technologies associated with the examination of video captures.

Est. 2011 Certified -21



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Accreditation

From 2010 through March of 2016, seven of the IAI programs were accredited by the Forensic Specialties Accreditation Board. However, due to inconsistencies in the interpretation and application of FSAB standards and the IAI's expansion of its non-US divisions, the IAI Board of Directors decided at its January 2016 meeting to abandon its participation with FSAB and redirect resources toward ISO17024 accreditation. IAI Certification Boards are currently conducting a gap analysis and making recommendations for compliance. Targets: Application for accreditation – late 2016. Accreditation late 2017, early 2018.



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*Effective January 1, 2012, the fee structure for IAI certification will be:

- IAI Members:
 - Initial certification: \$200 (US)
 - Recertification: \$200 (US)
 - Re-testing: \$200 (US)

- Non-Members:
 - Initial certification: \$300 (US)
 - Recertification: \$300 (US)
 - Re-testing: \$300 (US)



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FURTHER INFORMATION:

<https://www.theiai.org>

Program Manual

Certification Board details

Certified Rosters

Access to eCert

Contact Information

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