International Fluid Power Society
Established since 1960
IFPS Certification

A small investment in yourself, a large investment to your company and clients.

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IFPS Certification Tests provide an objective, third-party assessment of an individual’s skill level and are recognized industry-wide.

IFPS Certification offerings keep pace with changing fluid power and motion control technologies.
Whether you are an engineer, specialist, technician or mechanic, IFPS Certification has definitive advantages for you:

✓ Benchmarks your skill level

✓ Can accelerate your career advancement

✓ Employers value certification, which can result in a higher salary

✓ IFPS Certifications are portable and widely accepted

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Certification Facts

✓ The first IFPS Certification was issued in 1980.

✓ Today, IFPS has approximately 4,000 members and 10,000 active certifications.
Certification Levels Currently Offered

Mechanic Level
• Industrial Hydraulic Mechanic
• Mobile Hydraulic Mechanic
• Pneumatic Mechanic

Technician Level
• Hydraulic Technician
• Mobile Hydraulic Technician
• Pneumatic Technician

Connector & Conductor

Mechatronics in development

Fluid Power Specialist
• Hydraulic Specialist
• Pneumatic Specialist
• Electronic Controls

Electronic Controls Specialist
- In development:
  • Mobile Electronic Controls
  • Industrial Electronic Controls

Engineer
Fluid Power Systems Designer
Accredited Instructor

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IFPS Certification Specialist level is a 3 hour exam consisting of 50 questions*

Mechanic, Technician and Connector & Conductor Certification is a 3 hour test consisting of 75 questions* and also requires a three-hour Job Performance Test*.

All certifications are valid for five years, at which time recertification is required.

*Passing score must be 70%
Which test is right for you?

Certification Placement Indicator - This questionnaire will help you assess your job responsibilities and choose the most applicable IFPS certification test.

A complete summary of each certification category and test subject matter outline is available on the website.

Sample test questions are available in the study guide or by contacting headquarters directly.

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How to register for a certification test:

*All written IFPS certification tests are offered online at most testing sites. Online test results are compiled and returned to you in a matter of seconds.

*Over 100 Colleges and Universities across the United States and Canada have testing centers available to schedule a certification exam.

*Outside North America - Testing is now available in Australia and a few locations in the mid east.

*Job Performance Test: (hands-on) tests are available at limited locations please contact headquarters for details.
How to prepare for your test:

* **Study Manual** - Each of our certification tests has a corresponding IFPS Study Manual. These manuals are continuously reviewed and updated by our Certification Committee and contain 25+ sample questions.

* **Review Sessions** are conducted by our Accredited Instructors throughout the year at various locations or online and a certification test is given at the end of most sessions.

* **Customized Training** can range in length from two days to several weeks. It is fully customized to your machinery and personnel.

* **Study groups** are highly recommended. Create your own “in-house” study group, meet during lunch breaks, gather after work, etc.

* **Core Competency** - For IFPS Certification Retesting: This report gives a breakdown of an individual's test results, including both the raw score and the percentage of questions right within each subtest and is accompanied with information indicating which questions correspond to each subtest.

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The Bottom Line

Because fluid power certification requires an investment of time and resources, it is fair to ask if that investment is worthwhile.

What does it cost?

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Sample Costs

IFPS Membership: $75/year

IFPS Member Test Fees:
$260 for specialist level
$310 for mechanic/technician level

Non member rates are available and retake fees are at a substantial discount

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“Professional Development Points” are required to maintain your IFPS Certification. Points are earned in several ways:

- Work experience
- IFPS membership
- Industry meetings or chapter involvement
- Service on a committee
- Fluid power training/seminars attendance
- Written articles, presentations, etc.
Professional Development Through IFPS

- Books and Publications
- Technical Training
- Certification Review Training Sessions
- Workshops
- On-site Training
- Web Seminars
- White Papers
- Accredited Instructor Workshops

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IFPS membership provides the benefit of the Society’s 50 years of expertise. Membership supports a non-profit organization dedicated to the unique interests of fluid power.

- Engineers
- Specialists
- Technicians
- Mechanics

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Mission

The International Fluid Power Society (IFPS) will globally pursue and promote the application of Fluid Power technology through certification, standardization and education essential to professional growth.