

NRMCA Pervious Concrete Contractor Certification Summary for WOC 2012

Attendees at the 2012 World of Concrete have a great opportunity to achieve certification as a NRMCA Pervious Concrete Contractor. The Pervious Concrete Installer certification program is administered by the National Ready Mixed Concrete Association. The training and verification of learning modules that lead to certification are delivered to the concrete industry through entities known as Local Sponsoring Groups (LSG).

This year, the American Society of Concrete Contractors is acting as the sponsoring LSG for the NRMCA Pervious Technician written exam to be administered at the 2012 World of Concrete. The exam review and testing session will take place on Monday, January 23, 2012 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

During this session (M052), instructors will present four of the six chapters from the text for the NRMCA pervious concrete contractor certification program. Attendees will learn about the basics of pervious concrete, how it is different from plain concrete, and the tools and techniques for placing, consolidation, finishing, edging, jointing and curing of pervious concrete. After completing this session and reading the accompanying text, the student will be ready to take the NRMCA certification exam.

In addition to the exam review session, World of Concrete attendees can also take a performance examination while at the show. These two-hour sessions, occurring each day of the show, require a separate registration and will be conducted by NRMCA-approved examiners in the Gold Lot. Attendees can register for these performance examinations in the Educational Section on the World of Concrete.

Attendees successfully passing this performance exam will be provided with documentation of the exam with a signed NRMCA's form for the performance exam (PCC 10). This performance exam meets one of the requirements to move up to the Installer level of the certification and should serve as one of the three required projects that must be listed on Installer application.

Attendees who take the performance exam and who desire to move from the Technician level of the certification to the Installer level will also be provided with the application to become a Pervious Concrete Installer (PCC 8). The

student must be submitted this form using their LSG. Examinee will receive a list of all approved LSG's along with contact information following their class.

Once an examinee has successfully completed the required number of projects and square feet, they can complete the PCC 8 application form and contact the LSG for their state or area to have the form submitted to NRMCA for review and approval. The LSG should also be provided with a copy of the applicant's successful performance exam (PCC 10) that was completed at WOC.

LSGs charge a fee for reviewing the application and for submitting the application to NRMCA. Each LSG sets its own fee for this service.

Sidebar

Levels of Certification

Pervious Concrete Installer certification is administered by the National Ready Mixed Concrete Association. The certification has three distinct levels.

Pervious Concrete Technician – Individuals achieve this part by passing the written exam with a score of at least 75%

Pervious Concrete Installer – Individuals must pass the written exam, pass a performance exam, and submit documented work experience on at least three pervious concrete installations that must total at least 10,000 square feet. Some installers may need to submit more than three projects in order to meet the minimum required 10,000 square feet criteria.

Pervious Concrete Craftsman – Individuals must meet all the requirements for Pervious Installer, plus document at least 1500 hours of direct pervious concrete experience, and the completion of the Craftsman application form.

To learn more about Pervious Concrete Installer Certification, visit nrmca.org/Education/Certifications/Pervious_Contractor.htm