



Qualified Firestop Contractor Programs

UL and ULC Certification of Firestop Installation Contractor Companies

The UL and ULC Qualified Firestop Contractor Program is a voluntary, third party certification of firestop installation contractor companies. A complete listing of companies that have UL and ULC Qualified Firestop Contractor Program certification is available by visiting UL's directory [click here](#). This list is used by architects, specifiers and general contractors to identify and select firestop contractors for their project needs.

To get started, please contact us at FireSafetyQuote@ul.com and a UL representative will contact you or you can review the [Qualified Firestop Contractor Program website](#) or Frequently Asked Questions here for more information.

Frequently Asked Questions:

What is the value of becoming a UL or ULC Qualified Firestop Contractor?

- Meets Architect's Requirements when bidding on projects – Increasingly, construction project specifications are demanding that firestop systems be installed by UL or ULC Qualified Firestop Contractors
- Increases Confidence for your customers (architect, specifier, manufacturer and general contractor) that firestop systems will be installed to requirements, thereby increasing your chances for success in winning the bid against contractors lacking 3rd party qualifications

What benefits are provided to UL and ULC Qualified Firestop Contractors?

- UL and ULC Qualified Firestop Contractor companies are included in UL's [directory here](#), a resource used by architects, specifiers and general contractors to identify and select firestop contractors for their projects.
- UL and ULC Qualified Firestop Contractor companies can promote their Qualified Contractor status by displaying the UL or ULC Qualified Contractor Program logo and Certificate in their promotional materials shown here:



What are the requirements to become a UL or ULC Qualified Firestop Contractor?

There are two criteria for a UL and ULC Qualified Firestop Contractor:

1. Knowledge Assessment of at least one employee of the contractor firm through an exam, and
2. Assessment of the contractor firm's management system through an audit at the contractor's office and on the job site

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What is the difference between the UL and ULC Qualified Firestop Contractor Program?

The Programs differ in the DRI exam requirements only – see “What knowledge does the DRI exam cover?” below.

What is the purpose of the contractor firm’s management system?

Management systems, which have long been used in manufacturing, establish the use of consistent processes in your work that are followed by all employees and are designed to result in consistent outputs of your work. For firestop installation contractors, the use of a management system should result in performing firestop installations that consistently meet requirements.

What if my company does not have a management system in place today?

There are many resources available to assist in developing a management system that meets the requirements of the UL or ULC Qualified Firestop Contractor Program:

- The 10 elements of a firestop contractor management system are contained in Section 9.2 of the “UL Qualified Firestop Contractor Program Requirements”, available at your request.
- The Firestop Contractors International Association (FCIA) provides a training program and template to assist firestop contractors in developing and implementing their management system that meets the “UL Qualified Firestop Contractor Program Requirements”. You can contact them at www.fcia.org to register for a training session.

What are the fees for the Qualified Firestop Contractor Program?

The fees for the Program are:

- Initial Certification - \$6000 which covers:
 - \$450 – DRI Exam
 - \$5550 – Management System Audit
- Annual Reassessment Audit - \$3000

What knowledge does the DRI Exam cover?

Demonstrated knowledge is determined by at least one Designated Responsible Individual (DRI) meeting the minimum exam requirements:

- For U.S. - Demonstrated knowledge of the FCIA Firestop Manual of Practice (MOP) and the UL Fire Resistance Directory and the UL Qualified Firestop Contractor Program Requirements as evidenced by completion of the required UL written examination with a score of 80% or better.
- For Canada – Demonstrated knowledge of the FCIA Firestop Manual of Practice (MOP), Best Practice Guide on Fire Stops and Fire Blocks and Their Impact on Sound Transmission and the ULC List of Equipment and Materials – Firestop Systems, and the UL Qualified Firestop Contractor Program Requirements as evidenced by completion of the required written examination with a score of 80% or better.

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What resources are available to prepare for the DRI Exam?

In preparation for the DRI exam, a contractor should:

- obtain a copy of the “UL Qualified Firestop Contractor Program Requirements” and the FCIA Manual of Practice.
- Additionally, the FCIA offers an FCIA Education Program, held on the same day as the exam when offered at FCIA conferences. The exam preparation class is available by contacting FCIA at <http://www.fcia.org/>.

How do I register for the DRI Exam?

The DRI exam is scheduled at least four times each year. Dates and locations for the exam and registration are available by going to the [UL University website here](#).

How do I apply for the UL or ULC Qualified Firestop Contractor Program?

You can apply for the program by completing the [application](#) and submitting it to FireSafetyQuote@ul.com.

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