Intertek’s Qualified Personnel Program

Introduction & Value Prop
The IQP Program represents a commitment to a quality inspection that can be trusted by AHJs and Facility Managers alike. Inspectors that join Intertek’s IQP Program are showing their commitment to being part of an elite group of people in their industry and take pride in the quality of their work. They elect to go above and beyond industry requirements by choosing to participate in a program with more stringent checks and balances.
The IQP Program is an umbrella program to encapsulate all personnel programs under one name to help bring unity to the market and to AHJs, facility managers, building owners, etc.
## IQP Differentiator

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- Michael Kremer
IQP Marketing Manager
“Partnering with Intertek through its IQP Program allows firestop inspectors to seek and achieve a higher level of external evaluation and qualification. The further evolution of our current program adds value to what we can offer to inspectors and gives confidence of the inspection to the AHJs, who are ultimately responsible for the overall safety of a building.”

- John Valiulis, Executive Director of IFC
IQP Benefits

- **Branding** – Usage of widely accepted mark and brand
- **Acceptance** – Readily accepted by AHJs
- **Network** – Growing number of IQPs & IQP Programs
- **Marketing** – Intertek supported and driven
- **Auditing** – Proof of commitment & inspector differentiator
What is Intertek’s Qualified Personnel (IQP) Program?

Intertek’s Qualified Personnel (IQP) Program brings peace of mind to AHJs and facility managers by independently qualifying personnel to ensure that their inspections or installations meet industry and/or association requirements. We partner with leading industry organizations to develop personnel qualification programs designed to meet Intertek’s high standards to increase efficiency and effectiveness for AHJs. Our IQP Program members receive the necessary training to be successful in their field, and separate themselves from their industry peers through on-going training and requalification. IQPs are subject to a system of checks and balances, including audits and continued education, to ensure our program members are elite members of their industry, as they are representing Intertek.

Who are IQP Participants?

Fire Door Inspectors
Working in partnership with the Door and Hardware Institute (DHI), Intertek has developed a comprehensive training and certification program for individuals performing inspections of swinging fire and egress doors with builders hardware.

Hardware Installers
Working in partnership with ASSA ABLOY, Intertek qualifies installers to retrofit existing Wm. W. Hasco certified fire doors with enhanced features on ASSA ABLOY access controls and electrified hardware while still remaining compliant with NFPA 80 and continuing to function as designed.

Raceway Installers
Certified raceway installers retrofit fire doors in the field while still maintaining the door’s fire resistance rating and must go through a hands-on training course. The course includes training on code and fire door assembly components, the usage of approved drilling tools, and navigation of Intertek’s SpecDirect™ database.

About Intertek
Intertek is an Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory that operates in more than 100 countries with over 36,000 employees. We are a trusted, third-party that holds program members to higher standards and provides traceable verification of inspections and installations.
Firestop Inspectors

You need to limit liability. We can help.

The requirement of special inspections of firestopping in the 2012 International Building Code (IBC) for buildings over 75 feet in height, and for Category III and IV buildings, has driven a need for these facilities to have expert personnel perform these inspections. Even with a variety of inspectors in the field today, finding the right inspector can be challenging task.

How can you be assured that an inspector has the right training? Is the inspector up-to-date on the most recent edition of the code? Will the local authority having jurisdiction (AHJ) accept the inspection once complete?

What if a firestop inspection has been completed by an Intertek Qualified Personnel (IQP), AHUs and Facility Managers can not easily know if the IQP has been equipped with the right knowledge and skills to perform the inspection.

What is the Intertek Qualified Personnel (IQP) Program for Firestop Inspectors?

In partnership with the International Firestop Council (IFC), Intertek qualifies trained firestop inspectors to ensure that the highest level of quality and education is achieved. The IFC is the leading industry organization providing firestop product and hands-on inspector training for individuals charged with the inspection of installed firestop systems.

Intertek partners with the IFC education program to independently qualify inspectors after they have completed the IFC’s education program. Once an IQP program participant is required to complete on-going education and re-certification every three years to ensure an understanding of the latest updates to applicable codes. Additionally, IQPs are regularly audited for quality assurance, giving AHUs and facility managers confidence in the work being performed.

How do I know if a firestop has been inspected by an IQP?

IQPs apply a program specific label to the firestop after it has been inspected. This label provides instant verification to AHUs and firestop inspectors that the inspection has been completed by an IQP. This label does not indicate a certification of the firestop product, only a verification of the product’s inspection after installation. If needed, inspectors can provide a detailed report regarding the status of their inspection.

Who are the IQPs?

IQPs are the firestop inspectors who have successfully completed the IFC’s training and receive a passing score on the final exam. Once passed, participants can extend their qualification through Intertek Qualified Personnel Program. To learn more about the IQP program, please visit: www.intertek.com/IQP.

What are the advantages of using an Intertek Firestop Inspector?

- Confidence that a trained, independently qualified installer is completing the work
- Acceptance and recognition by AHUs
- Assurance that the installer has been properly trained and is up-to-date with the most recent codes and standards

How can I learn more?

You can review more about the program prerequisites by visiting: www.firestop.org/inspection

Locate qualified firestop inspectors by going to: www.iqp.intertek.com
Becoming an IQP

Complete Training
- Per the IFC training course
- Approx. 40-60 hours
- IFC In-Person Training

Pass Test
- $500 exam fee
- Online testing
- Requires >80% score

Apply for Qualification
- Intertek to reach out to inspectors who passed test
- Free application
- 1-2 week process
- $1200 Annual Fee

Add IQP to Credentials
- Badge & Certificate Issued
- Inspection Labels Issued
- Full use of IQP Logo
- Marketing materials access
Frequently Asked Questions
What are the requirements to become an IQP firestop inspector (training, application, and cost)?

Participants must first complete the current International Firestop Council (IFC)’s training program and receive a final exam score of >80%. Intertek then reaches out to all passing candidates with applications for the IQP Program. Candidates who apply and meet the requirements pay a $1200 fee to enter the program. This is also the annual fee to maintain an inspector’s IQP status.
Why the need for independently qualified firestop inspectors? Is independent qualification required?

The 2012 International Building Code (IBC) requires special inspection of firestopping for buildings over 75 feet in height and also for Category III and IV buildings (IBC article 1705.16). While there is no requirement these inspectors to be independently qualified, having third party oversight for the inspectors helps ensure a quality inspection per the standard and gives AHJs assurance of the building’s safety.

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What’s the benefit of being an IQP Firestop Inspector?

Intertek affiliation – Being tied to Intertek—a domestic and international leader in testing, inspection, and certification—brings instant credibility and recognition to an IQPs credentials and inspections.

Acceptance – Intertek regularly works with AHJs and facility managers promoting the concept of the IQP Program to allow for recognition and preference of IQP inspectors and installers.

Network – The growing network of IQPs builds program recognition and will help drive demand and references for jobs.

Marketing – Intertek promotes the IQP Program on a national level and enables individual IQPs to market themselves in their respective local markets.

Auditing – A key differentiating factor and selling point is the third party auditing the IQP Program’s inspectors receive. This helps ensure proper inspection and reassures AHJs of the inspection’s quality.
Where can I find out more before I make my decision?

To find out more about the program, please visit www.intertek.com/IQP for details/application to the program, contact Ms. Chris Cramer (chris.cramer@intertek.com) or for marketing questions contact Michael Kremer (michael.kremer@intertek.com).

What is the process to sign-up?

Participants who complete the IFC training course and pass the test with a score >80% will be contacted by an Intertek representative offering the opportunity to apply for the program.
Frequently Asked Questions

Do a get any kind of marketing/information kit to help promote myself?

Yes. Within 2-3 weeks of becoming an IQP, inspectors will receive a marketing kit from Intertek. The kit includes IQP branded items including an IQP certificate, clipboard, promotional literature, phone casing, and name badge. Additionally IQPs are given access to a proprietary marketing site that has a presentation and access to end-user and AHJ marketing collateral.

What if I encounter an AHJ who does not understand or recognize the program?

While Intertek expect this to be a rare occurrence, if this does happen, Intertek will step in and connect with the AHJ directly. For such instances, contact Michael Kremer (michael.kremer@intertek.com or 847.871.1027) directly.
When can I start using my credentials? How long until I get my badge and marketing collateral?

Once an inspector’s application to the program has been approved by Intertek, the IQP can immediately start declaring the credentials. The certificate, badge, inspection labels and marketing collateral will arrive in 2-3 weeks after approval.
Questions?

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