



AISC Certification Overview

Obtaining the **American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC) Certification** is a rigorous process that often takes months to complete. Evolving AISC requirements and frequent updates to governing codes (such as IBC, AWS, and RCSC) can make certification feel like a moving target, but AISC has resources to help guide you through the process.

Certification typically requires **documented procedures for nearly all erector activities**, from estimating and project kickoff through closeout. This includes not only field operations (e.g., welding, bolting, decking, steel erection, and bracing), but also office and administrative processes. For many steel erectors, the greatest challenge is developing, maintaining, and annually auditing this documentation, along with keeping complete records. The written procedures should also mirror how the company performs these processes.

AISC's website offers a range of additional guidance, applications, and resources; be sure to visit aisc.org/certification. Two documents are especially critical, and they are both free downloads from that site:

- **Governing Requirements for Certification Programs (and their Program Supplements)** - these documents define the administrative rules for how to apply and maintain a participant's certification.
- **Standard for Certification Programs (AISC 207-25)** – this document defines certification auditing requirements.

IMPACT collaborates with AISC and recognizes that their certification programs are a smart choice for many Iron Worker contractors. This certification confirms a contractor's ability to deliver quality work and sets them apart from their competition.

IMPACT has long supported contractors seeking AISC certification and, on August 1, 2025, updated its program to be more efficient and fiscally responsible.

If a member contractor chooses AISC's optional "Pre-Assessment/Gap Analysis" service while applying and then becomes certified, IMPACT will fully reimburse the cost of this Pre-Assessment Service.

Only the "Pre-Assessment/Gap Analysis" fee is eligible for reimbursement. For more information on IMPACT's program, go to [IMPACT's website here](#).

For authoritative answers regarding certification requirements, AISC remains the primary source and can be contacted directly at 312.670.7520 or certification@aisc.org.