

STEPS TO TAKE TO BECOME AN AIR BARRIER ASSEMBLIES CERTIFIED INSTALLER



Air Barrier Assembly Installer Certification

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WHO SHOULD APPLY?

Participants in this training program are required to have either a working knowledge of air barrier installation practices and **documented practical experience**, or an acceptable combination of related practical trade experience in related products in commercial construction. Participants must also possess a solid understanding of construction and building components. New entrants to the industry are also welcome to attend this course and participate in ABAA's apprentice program.

For further information on related trade experience, or ABAA's apprentice program, please contact the ABAA office.

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WHAT DO I RECEIVE WHEN I AM CERTIFIED?

Participants who successfully complete the **Air Barrier Installer** course will be issued a certificate, Air Barrier Installer photo identification card and manual updates.

Certified installers are also included in the ABAA national directory.

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INSTALLER BENEFITS - WHY SEND EMPLOYEES?

The Air Barrier Installer course provides participants with the required skill sets to correctly install an air barrier assembly. Employing a certified installer is a requirement for all ABAA accredited contractors. Benefits of installer certification include:

- Employing a certified installer sets you apart from the competition as a premier contractor dedicated to quality and professionalism.
- Get the job done right the first time. Save money in the long run by reducing call backs.
- Improved job-site efficiency and professional installers who possess an understanding of the importance of a quality result the first time to the contractor and building owner.
- Certified installers possess the necessary skills and competencies to read and understand plans and specifications.

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WHERE AND WHEN CAN I TAKE THIS COURSE?

The **Air Barrier Installer** course is held a number of times throughout the year in locations across the United States. Courses are scheduled according to demand.

Please contact the ABAA office to request a copy of the current training schedule, or to request further information on upcoming courses in your area.

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HOW LONG IS THE COURSE?

All of the **Air Barrier Installer** Course's are held over the period of three days.

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HOW ARE THE LEARNING COMPONENTS ARRANGED?

The Air Barrier Installer course consists of both theory and practical instruction. The classroom portion emphasizes:

- Understanding the need for and function of an air barrier assembly
- The ability to select and install the correct material for each application
- The ability to confirm proper installation through on-site testing
- Documentation required throughout the air barrier installation process

The practical portion is carried out on a job site, or on a mock-up where an authorized representative of ABAA will instruct the installer and observe the application of the air barrier assembly.

There are three main modules in the air barrier installer course.

1. Principles and Theory:

- Introduction to air barrier assemblies
- Building science
- Codes and standards
- Installer ethics and responsibilities
- Industry future

2. Procedures:

- Testing and audits
- Documentation and reporting

3. Building Enclosure Construction:

- Material selection
- Application technology
- Substrate condition
- Continuity/compatibility of components



CERTIFICATION CRITERIA: The participant is required to fulfill two requirements to be certified as an air/vapor barrier installer. The installer must successfully complete the theory portion of the course and achieve the required passing mark. The installer will then be observed in the field, or in a mock-up setting performing the installation of an air barrier assembly. Upon successful completion of these two requirements, the participant will be awarded certified installer status, assuming he/she has met the minimum experience requirements.

Air Barrier Assembly Installer Licensing

Are You up to the



For more information about becoming an Air Barrier Systems Installer, please contact:

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AN INVESTMENT TOWARDS THE FUTURE...

Are you ready to take part in an exciting new industry?

Consider becoming a **Certified Air Barrier Assembly Installer**

The Air Barrier Association of America (ABAA) will prepare you for the challenges and rewards in the air barrier industry with our Air Barrier Installer course. ABAA sets the standard in quality assurance and provides installers with a sense of professionalism and pride.

In the 21st century, energy efficiency in buildings is a major concern. ABAA's **Air Barrier Installer** course teaches participants new approaches to increase building energy efficiency and provides the opportunity to take part in a national organization dedicated to developing a professional air barrier industry for building enclosure construction.

THE IMPORTANCE OF TRAINING

Training is an investment in the future and a tool for success. ABAA's elite training program provides you with an edge in an increasingly competitive marketplace. Whether you are looking to upgrade your skills, or searching for a new career, ABAA's **Air Barrier Installer** course is designed to meet your needs.

ABAA's training and certification programs provide a means to ensure applicators possess the necessary skills and knowledge to produce quality air barrier installations. **Certification sets you apart from the competition and identifies you as a professional.**

ABAA's expertise in the design, development, and delivery of our training programs ensures that the training is technologically-advanced, competency-based and tailored job site realities. ABAA's certified installers are recognized as the elite of the industry having successfully completed training programs tailored to professional development.

