

# Roadside Inspector Certification Criteria Comparison

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FMCSA Proposed Criteria	CVSA Criteria
<p><b>Level I/V Initial Certification</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Successfully complete the FMCSA Driver / Vehicle Inspection Level I North American Standard course or equivalent.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ To achieve initial certification to conduct a driver/vehicle inspection, the individual must successfully complete the courses that would provide minimum level of knowledge in the FMCSR. The training would include, but not be limited to, the following:                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Title 49, CFR Parts – 383, 390, 391, 392, 393, 395, 396, 397</li> <li>• CVSA/FMCSA Out of Service Criteria</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• During the first year after completion of classroom training, must conduct a minimum of 30 Level I or V inspections with a senior, experienced State or Federal inspector</li> </ul>	<p><b>Level I/V Initial Certification</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete a CVSA approved North American Standard Inspection Course;</li> <li>• Pass the CVSA written exam with a score of 80% or higher on each part of the exam, and</li> <li>• Complete at least 30 Level I inspections with a certified inspector, field-training officer, or coach who should evaluate the inspector for knowledge of the regulations and proficiency in the inspection process.</li> </ul> <p>Inspectors who successfully complete this training are qualified to receive a CVSA Certificate of Proficiency authorizing them to conduct CVSA Level I through V inspections, and to apply CVSA decals to commercial motor vehicles passing the Level I and Level V inspections.</p>
<p><b>Level I/V Certification Maintenance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Required to complete 32 Level I and/or V inspections annually.</li> <li>• Meet minimum documented quality levels in the driver / vehicle inspections process.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Example: Management reports – establish percentage of norm</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Successfully complete any FMCSA required training.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Example: Cargo Tank / Bulk Packaging, Refresher training in Hours of Service, etc.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Level I/V Certification Maintenance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perform a minimum of 32 Level I or Level V inspections per year, preferably 8 inspections per quarter.</li> <li>• Once every year, to maintain certification, a certified inspector shall attend minimum refresher training covering inspection of drivers and vehicles; out-of-service defects; inspection of hazardous materials, if applicable; inspection of cargo tanks, if applicable, and inspection of buses, if applicable. In addition, CVSA recommends that inspectors attend training based on specific needs identified by supervisory personnel through review of inspection documents.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Decertification</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Occurs when any one of the requirements established under Maintenance of Certification are not met.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Decertification</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the event an inspector does not perform the minimum number of inspections within the previous 12-month period, his/her certification and/or affected endorsement, shall be suspended.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Recertification</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must meet FMCSA requirements based upon areas of deficiency in Maintenance of Certification. (Example: Additional on-the-job training)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Recertification</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To become recertified, the inspector shall pass the applicable written exams, which may include the North American Standard Inspection, the General Hazardous Materials Inspection Course, the Cargo Tank/Bulk Packaging Inspection Course, and/or the Motorcoach/Bus Inspection Course and repeat the specified</li> </ul>

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	<p>number of inspections with a certified inspector, field training officer or coach.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Failing any exam, or failing to successfully demonstrate proficiency in conducting inspections, after allowing any certifications to lapse, requires the inspector to repeat the entire process.</li> </ul>
Specialized Inspection Certification	Specialized Inspection Certification
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Successfully complete the specialized FMCSA inspection course (general HM inspection, Cargo Tank/Bulk Packaging inspection, or Motorcoach/Bus inspection) or equivalent.</li> <li>During the first year after completion of classroom training, must conduct a minimum number of specialized inspections with a senior, experienced State or Federal inspector:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ For HM inspections: 16</li> <li>➢ For Cargo Tank/Bulk Packaging inspections: 16</li> <li>➢ For Motorcoach/Bus inspections: 24 Level I or V</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b><u>HAZARDOUS MATERIALS</u></b>            Prerequisite: Hold a CVSA Certificate of Proficiency for conducting North American Standard Level I and Level V inspections. In order to conduct inspections involving hazardous materials, the inspector shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete a CVSA approved general Hazardous Materials Inspection Course, or if an agency has an individual with sufficient experience and/or training other than the CVSA Certification Course, the examination may be challenged;</li> <li>Pass the CVSA written exam with a score of 80% or higher, and</li> <li>Complete at least 16 inspections, with either a certified hazardous materials inspector, field training officer or coach who should evaluate the inspector candidate for knowledge of the regulations and proficiency in the inspection process.</li> </ul> <p>Inspectors who successfully complete this training are qualified to receive a CVSA Certificate of Proficiency authorizing them to conduct CVSA Hazardous Materials Inspections.</p> <p><b><u>CARGO TANK INSPECTION</u></b>            Prerequisites: Hold a CVSA Certificate of Proficiency in Level I and Level V North American Standard Inspection and General Hazardous Materials Inspection. In order to conduct a Cargo Tank/Bulk Packaging Inspection, the inspector shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete a CVSA approved Cargo Tank/Bulk Packaging Course, or if an individual has sufficient experience and/or training other than the CVSA Certification Course, the examination my be challenged;</li> <li>Pass the CVSA written exam with a score of 80% or higher, and</li> <li>Complete at least 16 cargo tank/bulk packaging inspections with</li> </ul>

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	<p>either a certified cargo tank inspector, field training officer or coach who will evaluate the inspector candidate for knowledge of the regulations and proficiency in the inspection process. Inspectors who successfully complete the training are qualified to receive a CVSA Certificate of Proficiency authorizing them to conduct CVSA Cargo Tank/Bulk Packaging Inspections.</p> <p><b><u>BUS INSPECTION</u></b>          Prerequisite: Hold a CVSA Certificate of Proficiency for conducting North American Standard Level I and Level V inspections. In order to conduct Motorcoach/Bus inspections, the inspector shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Successfully complete a CVSA approved Motorcoach/Bus inspection course, and</li> <li>• Conduct at least 24 Level I or V Motorcoach/Bus inspections under the supervision of a certified Motorcoach/Bus Inspector or field training officer or coach, who shall evaluate and approve the inspector candidate in knowledge of the regulations and proficiency in the inspection process.</li> </ul> <p>Inspectors who successfully complete these requirements are qualified to receive a CVSA Certificate of Proficiency authorizing them to conduct Motorcoach/Bus Inspections.</p> <p><b><u>ENHANCED NORTH AMERICAN STANDARD INSPECTION PROCEDURE FOR RADIOACTIVE SHIPMENTS</u></b>          Prerequisites: Hold a CVSA Certificate of Proficiency in Level I and Level V North American Standard Inspection and General Hazardous Materials Inspection. In order to conduct an Enhanced NAS Inspection for Radioactive Shipments, the inspector shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete the CVSA approved Enhanced NAS Inspection for Radioactive Shipments Course, including the actual vehicle inspection and radiological surveys, and</li> <li>• Pass the CVSA written exam with a score of 90% or higher.</li> </ul> <p>Inspectors who successfully complete this training are qualified to receive a CVSA Certificate Proficiency authorizing them to conduct CVSA Enhanced NAS inspections for Radioactive Shipments.</p>
<b>Specialized Inspection Certification Maintenance</b>	<b>Specialized Inspection Certification Maintenance</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Required to complete a minimum number of specialized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Once every year, to maintain certification, a certified inspector</li> </ul>

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inspections annually:

- For HM inspections: 8
- For Cargo Tank/Bulk Packaging inspections: 8
- For Motorcoach/Bus inspections: 8 Level I or V
- Meet minimum documented quality levels in the driver / vehicle inspections process.
  - Example: Management reports – establish percentage of norm
- Successfully complete any FMCSA required training.
  - Example: Cargo Tank / Bulk Packaging, Refresher training in Hours of Service, etc.

shall attend minimum refresher training covering inspection of drivers and vehicles; out-of-service defects; inspection of hazardous materials, if applicable; inspection of cargo tanks, if applicable, and inspection of buses, if applicable. In addition, CVSA recommends that inspectors attend training based on specific needs identified by supervisory personnel through review of inspection documents.

### HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

- If the inspector is certified to perform Hazardous Materials inspections, at least 8 inspections (Level I or II) shall be conducted on vehicles containing non-bulk quantities of hazardous materials. A hazardous materials inspection is defined as: "An inspection of a vehicle transporting hazardous materials and at a minimum includes the inspection of the items listed in the basic hazardous materials inspection procedure." Level I inspections of this type may be used to satisfy the 32 North American Standard Certification Inspections.

### CARGO TANK INSPECTION

- If the inspector is certified to perform cargo tank/bulk packaging inspections, at least 8 inspections (Level I or II) shall be conducted on vehicles transporting hazardous materials in cargo tanks. A cargo tank inspection is defined as: "An inspection of a cargo tank motor vehicle transporting hazardous materials and at a minimum includes the inspection of items listed in the cargo tank inspection procedure." (Level I inspections of this type may be used to satisfy the 32 North American Standard Certification Inspections).

### BUS INSPECTION

- If the inspector is certified to perform Motorcoach/bus inspections, at least 8 of the inspections shall be conducted on Motorcoaches/buses.

### ENHANCED NORTH AMERICAN STANDARD INSPECTION PROCEDURE FOR RADIOACTIVE SHIPMENTS

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	<p>To maintain certification in the CVSA Level VI Inspection Procedures for Radioactive Shipments, an inspector must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Successfully complete the CVSA Level VI <u>Refresher Course</u>, within a 24-month period of the basic Level VI course, or</li> <li>• Demonstrate proficiency by performing a minimum of 8 CVSA Level VI inspections per year on radioactive shipments.</li> </ul>
<b>Specialized Inspection Decertification</b>	<b>Specialized Inspection Decertification</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Occurs when any one of the requirements established under Maintenance of Certification are not met.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the event an inspector does not perform the minimum number of inspections within the previous 12-month period, his/her certification and/or affected endorsement, shall be suspended.</li> </ul>
<b>Specialized Inspection Recertification</b>	<b>Specialized Inspection Recertification</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must meet FMCSA requirements based upon areas of deficiency in Maintenance of Certification. (Example: Additional on-the-job training)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To become recertified, the inspector shall pass the applicable written exams, which may include the North American Standard Inspection, the General Hazardous Materials Inspection Course, the Cargo Tank/Bulk Packaging Inspection Course, and/or the Motorcoach/Bus Inspection Course and repeat the specified number of inspections with a certified inspector, field training officer or coach.</li> <li>• Failing any exam, or failing to successfully demonstrate proficiency in conducting inspections, after allowing any certifications to lapse, requires the inspector to repeat the entire process.</li> </ul>
<b>Level II Initial Certification</b>	<b>Level II Initial Certification</b>
N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete Parts A and B of the North American Standard Certification Process;</li> <li>• An individual with sufficient experience and/or training other than the CVSA Certification Course, may challenge the examination with a passing score of 80% or higher, and in either case;</li> <li>• Complete at least 30 Level II inspections with either a certified inspector, field training officer, or coach who should evaluate the inspector for knowledge of the regulations and proficiency in the inspection process.</li> </ul> <p>*NOTE: It is strongly recommended, but not required, that Level II training be broken into two parts with a period of OJT (30 to 60 days) being performed by the inspector trainee between Part A and</p>

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Level III Initial Certification	Level III Initial Certification
N/A	<p>Part B training.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete Part A of the North American Standard Certification Process, or;</li> <li>• An individual with sufficient experience and/or training other than the CVSA Certification Course, may challenge the examination with a passing score of 80% or higher, and in either case;</li> <li>• Complete at least 30 Level II inspections with a certified inspector, field-training officer, or coach who should evaluate the inspector for knowledge of the regulations and proficiency in the inspection process.</li> </ul>
Level II & III Certification Maintenance	Level II & III Certification Maintenance
N/A	<p>To maintain CVSA certification and conduct North American Standard Level II and III inspections, an inspector shall meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perform a minimum of 32 Level II or III inspections per year, preferably 8 inspections per year.</li> </ul> <p>Inspectors previously certified by their respective jurisdictions are not required to meet these requirements, except they must perform the minimum number of inspections required to remain certified.</p>
Level II & III Decertification	Level II & III Decertification
N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the event an inspector does not perform the minimum number of inspections within the previous 12-month period, his/her certification and/or affected endorsement, shall be suspended.</li> </ul>
Level II & III Recertification	Level II & III Recertification
N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To become re-certified, the inspector shall pass the applicable written exams, which may include the North American Standard Inspection Course, and repeat the specified number of inspections with a certified inspector, field training officer or coach.</li> </ul>