

Learn about the CVI!

Where to Take the CVI Exam

Certified Ventilation Inspectors (CVI) have undergone training based on the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) I-Beam program for conducting building IAQ inspections. A passing grade on the certification exam demonstrates knowledge and understanding of inspecting HVAC systems, diagnosing IAQ problems, and reporting findings to the customer.

NADCA members and non-members are encouraged to seek CVI certification. To obtain the CVI certification, an individual is required to take and pass a multiple choice exam. This exam is available through several different outlets, including but not limited to [NADCA testing centers](#), [the NADCA Annual Meeting & Exposition](#), and the [NADCA Technical Conference](#).

NADCA Testing Centers

The CVI exam is available at testing centers throughout the world. The CVI exam is not available online for first-time test takers or those who have let their CVI certification lapse. (However, individuals who already hold the CVI renew it through an online quiz.)

Candidates planning to take the CVI exam at a testing center must take the following steps:

- Visit the NADCA Testing Site here: <http://www.nadcatesting.com>.
- [Non-NADCA members should click here.](#)
- In the top right-hand corner of the website, click the link to "Create a New Account."
- Fill out the company information. If you have lost or misplaced the "Member Security Code," please call NADCA Headquarters at (202) 737-2926.
- There is a blue bar across the middle of the NADCA Testing Site that includes an option to "Register for a Test." Clicking this link leads to a page with all NADCA testing options. Choose the CVI Exam by clicking the orange "Buy Now" box. Clicking the "Buy Now" box opens a screen where candidates are able to search for available testing centers.
- For candidates with a non-NADCA member company, the CVI exam must be scheduled in the non-members area of the NADCA Testing Site. The link to the non-members area is available at the bottom of the [NADCA Testing Site homepage](#).



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Taking the CVI at a NADCA Event

NADCA offers the CVI exam at the [Annual Meeting & Expo](#) and the [Technical Conference](#). More detail is included in the registration brochures for each event. The Annual Meeting & Expo registration brochure is typically published in December. The Technical Conference brochure is typically published in May.

How much does the CVI certification examination cost?

The cost of the examination is as follows:

	Member	Non-Member
CVI Exam	\$275.00	\$1,500.00
CVI Exam Retake	\$150.00	\$775.00
CVI Online (at standardized testing center)	\$385.00	\$1,610.00
CVI Online Retake (at standardized testing center)	\$260.00	\$885.00
CVI Prep Class	\$490.00	\$690.00

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Prepare for the CVI Exam

The CVI examination tests the knowledge and skills needed to be a successful HVAC system inspector. CVIs undergo training based on the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) I-BEAM program, which provides a structured method of doing inspections, in compliance with NADCA's standards and guidelines. The training and certification examination covers applicable building and IAQ standards and codes, maintenance and housekeeping programs, diagnosing IAQ problems and reporting findings to building owners.

There are several ways to prepare for the examination:

In-Person Training

The CVI Training & Preparation class includes eight hours of classroom instruction and a binder of study materials. This class is offered at the [NADCA Annual Meeting & Exposition](#) and the [NADCA Technical Conference](#). The CVI exam is typically taken on the day following completion of the CVI training and preparation course.

CVI Webinars

The Basics of Commercial Cleaning Webinar is useful to prepare for the CVI exam. The Webinar is an ideal option for CVI candidates who do not wish to travel, but would prefer to be taught by a live instructor. Please check [NADCA's training schedule](#) for dates and times of availability for the CVI Webinar.

CVI Study Materials CD

NADCA's CVI Study Materials CD (HVAC Inspection Manual - Procedures for Assessing the Cleanliness of Commercial HVAC Systems) is available to those who do not wish to take any online or in-person classes, and would instead like to study the test materials on their own.

This study CD includes the following publications: HVAC Inspection Manual - Procedures for Assessing the Cleanliness of Commercial HVAC Systems and related forms. Member price: \$45 (List price: \$75).

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Frequently Asked Questions

Can anyone be CVI certified?

Yes, you do not have to be a NADCA member to be certified. However, members of NADCA receive a discounted rate for training, the exam fees, and renewal.

What are the prerequisites for taking the CVI certification examination?

There are no prerequisites for taking the examination. It is recommended that candidates have an understanding of HVAC systems before sitting for the exam.

Do I have to attend the class in order to take the examination?

No, attendance at the CVI Training or Basics of HVAC Cleaning courses is not required, though they may be very helpful to those as yet unfamiliar with the HVAC cleaning industry.