

Where to Take the ASCS Exam

NADCA requires that all member companies have at least one certified Air Systems Cleaning Specialist (ASCS) on staff. Through ASCS certification, contractors demonstrate requisite knowledge of HVAC system cleaning, NADCA standards, OSHA regulations and more.

The ASCS designation is requested frequently from consumers, and is listed in the specifications for many commercial and industrial jobs. To obtain the ASCS 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 ASCS exam is available at testing centers throughout the world. The ASCS exam is not available online for first-time test takers or those who have let their ASCS certification lapse. (However, individuals who already hold the ASCS may renew it through online quizzes. This option is not available for ASCS candidates.)

Candidates taking the ASCS exam at a testing center must follow these steps:

If the [Member Promo Package](#) application has been submitted, you must still create an account in the test-taker's name, and the ASCS exam must be scheduled by a member of the NADCA staff. Contact NADCA to schedule the exam when the account has been created.

- Visit the NADCA Testing Site here: <http://www.nadcatesting.com>.
- In the top right-hand corner of the page, click "Create a New Account."
- Fill out the company information. This section requires a "Member Security Code," which is provided upon submission of [the NADCA member application](#). If you have lost/misplaced the "Member Security Code," please call NADCA at (202) 737-2926.
- The blue bar across the middle of the NADCA Testing Site includes an option to "Register for a Test." Click this link to see all NADCA testing options. Choose the ASCS Exam by clicking the orange "Buy Now" box (\$385). This will open a page with testing center search options.
- For candidates with a non-member company, the ASCS exam must be scheduled in [the non-member area of the NADCA Testing Site](#). This link is at the bottom of the testing site homepage.
- Unless [the Member Promo Package](#) application has been submitted, payment must be made through the testing site with a valid Visa, MasterCard or American Express.

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Taking the ASCS at a NADCA Event

NADCA offers the ASCS 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 ASCS certification examination cost?

The cost of the examination is as follows:

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