

ASRC Training Standards version 7.0 Implementation plan

Purpose:

This document outlines a proposed implementation plan for the new ASRC Training Standards version 7.0. These changes are significant enough and impact a large number of certified members to the extent that an orderly and phased implementation will be needed to ensure a smooth transition and to give members time to come into compliance.

Note that the plan suggests different implementation timelines for the train standards based on those certifications that are granted directly versus those granted through a GTO (CQ, FTM, and FTL).

Proposed Implementation plan:

The full ASRC Training Standards version 7.0 will go into effect 90 days following the approval of the ASRC Board of Directors or on the date of the next regularly scheduled ASRC Board of Directors meeting, whichever date comes first. This date is referred to as the Effective Date. The period between the approval date and the Effective Date is referred to here as the Interim Approval Period.

- Granting new certifications during the Interim Approval Period:
 - During the Interim Approval Period, the older version 6.3 Training Standards will remain in effect and the following certification levels can continue to be granted by Group Training Officers during this time period:
 - CQ
 - FTM
 - FTL
 - No new BRO, CDO, AO, or IS/IC/SM certifications will be granted during the Interim Approval Period. Search Manager candidates can submit applications based on the new Training Standards version 7.0 during the Interim Approval Period, the Board may review and vote on these applications and the certification can go into effect on or after the Training Standards version 7.0 Effective Date.
- Starting on the Effective Date:
 - All new certifications and all re-certifications issued must comply with the new Training Standards version 7.0.
 - All existing members must meet all of the requirements in the Training Standards version 7.0 for their certification level within one year. For administrative purposes it is suggested that this date be 1 January 2013.
 - All teams must supply documentation to the ASRC Secretary and Conference Training Office verifying that their CQ, FTM, and FTL members meet all of the new requirements by this date.
 - All BRO, CDO, AO, or IS/IC/SM members must provide the Conference Training Officer with documentation verifying that they meet all of the new requirements by this date.
 - Members failing to supply the proper documentation that they meet the new training requirements for their current certification levels by the deadline will have their certification level adjusted to the appropriate level of training that is verifiable by the documentation provided.

- During the Interim Approval Period, the Conference Training Officer will:
 - Work with the GTO's to develop a standard ASRC written and practical tests for FTM and FTL certification
 - Develop a training program for GTO's/test evaluator
 - Create position specific task books for all certification levels
 - Develop a credentialing system that tracks all member certifications and provides ASRC issued credentialing certificates for all levels (currently only the IS and IC certificates are issued by the CTO on behalf of the conference).
 - Electronic delivery of the certificates is preferred.
 - If the Board of Directors specifies that hard copy certificates be generated and mailed, additional funding will be needed to support this
- Incident Commander/Search Manager title change
 - As of the Effective Date, Incident Commander will no longer be used as a ASRC training or certification level description. It may still be used to describe a specific role in the command structure of an incident.
 - As of 1 June 2012, it will not be permissible for the Incident Commander rocker to be worn on the ASRC uniform. It should be replaced by a Search Manager or SM rocker.