

# Seattle Permits

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## How to Become an ICC Certified Underground Storage Tank (UST) Decommissioner

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### Purpose

Section 3404.2.13 of the Seattle Fire Code requires that tanks and piping serving heating oil tanks which have been out of service for a period of one year or more be removed from the ground or abandoned in place. The Seattle Fire Department requires that decommissioning of residential heating oil tanks either be conducted by, or witnessed by, an individual who possesses certification from the International Code Council (ICC) for underground storage tank (UST) decommissioning.

The purpose of the ICC UST Certification Program is to provide a nationally recognized examination and credential by which individuals can demonstrate their knowledge of various regulatory codes, standards and practices pertaining to underground storage tanks.

### Description of the UST Decommissioning Exam

UST decommissioning certification is designed to show satisfactory knowledge of UST codes and competence in tasks relevant to the job. The following list describes general subject areas which may be covered on the exam:

- site preparation
- reporting requirements
- tank decommissioning and cleaning

- storage and transportation of tanks
- contaminated soil handling
- health and safety for UST workers.

### Exam Administration

The ICC UST Certification exam is an electronic examination process administered locally by Lasergrade.

### Where to Get More Information

For more information and to receive an application to become an ICC Certified UST Decommissioner, contact ICC's Certification Department at 1.888.ICC.SAFE (422-7233)x33806. They will send a candidate bulletin which provides details on preparing for the exam, taking the exam, and obtaining your certificate. More information is available from their website at [www.iccsafe.org](http://www.iccsafe.org).

If you have other questions concerning residential heating oil tank decommissioning requirements in the City of Seattle, please contact the Seattle Fire Department's Permits Section at 206-386-1450, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

[www.seattle.gov/fire](http://www.seattle.gov/fire)

