

EPA Section 608

Aligned Program of Study: Mechanical, Electrical, & Plumbing (MEP) Systems

Description

Section 608 of the U.S. Federal Clean Air Act requires all persons who work with regulated refrigerants to be certified. This includes persons involved in maintaining, servicing, repairing, or disposing of appliances that contain regulated refrigerants. The certification demonstrates the individual understands proper refrigerant handling techniques. The EPA Section 608 certification includes Type I, II, III, and universal certifications and is for persons who maintain, service, repair, or dispose of small appliances as well as high and low-pressure equipment. Exam content includes charging procedures, the Clean Air ACT/ Montreal Protocol, ozone depletion, refrigeration, dehydration, leak repair requirements, recover-recycle-reclaim, recovery equipment, recovery requirements, recovery techniques, recovery cylinders, safety, substitute refrigerants, and oils.

EPA has developed four types of certification:

1. For servicing small appliances (Type I).
2. For servicing or disposing of high- or very high-pressure appliances, except small appliances and MVACs (Type II).
3. For servicing or disposing of low-pressure appliances (Type III).
4. For servicing all types of equipment (Universal).

Certification Information

Test Owner

Esco Institute

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Mount Prospect, IL 60056

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Testing Sites

Tests are taken online or by paper at the school and must be given by a proctor following Esco guidelines.

Registration Procedures

Schools should begin by calling Esco Group to request a proctor application. After selecting a proctor and completing the application, Esco will provide the school with pricing information. The exams may be administered as a paper test or as an online test at the school. The online test is available at a lower cost than the paper test. The online test provides the school with immediate test results.

Preparing to offer the certification

Materials and Resources

Information and practice tests are available online at <https://escogroup.org/training/epa608.aspx>.

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Vendor	Contact Information
Esco Institute	https://www.escogroup.org/