
HSCG Certification Program: Become a Certified Soapmaker

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Kerri Mixon of A+ Soapmaking Studio, Pallas Athene Soap, and Certified Lye discusses the HSCG Certification Program and tips for registering and passing the exams.

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Info: <https://www.soapguild.org/membership/about-certification.php>

Steps for Certification:

1. Candidate must be a current HSCG member in good standing:
<https://www.soapguild.org/cart/memberships.php>
2. Choose an exam level. Per category, the voluntary exams must be taken in order from Basic to Master certification:

Cold/Hot Process	Melt and Pour	Cosmetic
a. Basic CP/HP	a. Basic MP	a. Basic Cosmetic
b. Advanced CP/HP	b. Advanced MP	b. Advanced Cosmetic
c. Expert CP/HP	c. Expert MP	
d. Master CP/HP	d. Master MP	
3. Register with the HSCG to take the exam:
 - a. Print and complete registration form to mail or fax to the HSCG:
<https://www.soapguild.org/members/certification/general/registration-form.pdf>
 - b. Only if taking the exam with a proctor (not at the annual HSCG conference), print, complete, and mail or fax to the HSCG the proctor approval form to have the HSCG approve your desired exam location:
<https://www.soapguild.org/members/certification/general/proctor-approval-form.pdf>
 - i. Proctors may charge for offering the use of their location and for test administration services.
 - ii. Across the US, Sylvan Learning Centers are available as certification exam proctor sites for approximately \$25 per hour:
<https://www.sylvanlearning.com/>
 - iii. In southern California, the Soapmaking Studio is available as a certification exam proctor site FREE to HSCG members:
<https://www.soapmakingstudio.com/location.html>
 - c. Pay the registration fee by mailing a check to the HSCG or pay through the HSCG website:
<https://www.soapguild.org/cart/certification.php>

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4. Prepare for the exam:
 - a. Review the list of terms available from the HSCG website.
 - b. Complete several practice tests available on the HSCG website.
 - c. Prepare soap samples (if required) and batch code sheets.
5. Take exam on scheduled date and time.
6. Mail (or submit at annual conference) the soap samples and batch code sheets to the HSCG. The soap and paperwork must be received within ten (10) days of exam completion.

Benefits of Certification

1. More visibility on HSCG website due to listing in “Certified Soapmakers” directory:
<https://www.soapguild.org/consumers/certified-soapmakers.php>
2. Certification achievement noted on detailed section of member’s listing.
3. Awarded access to downloadable badges to use on printed materials (such as business cards), soapmaker’s website, and soap labels:
 - a. Available formats: png, tif, ai, pdf, and jpg.
 - b. Must be used in accordance with the HSCG Certification Badge Agreement.
4. Awarded a frame-able, hardcopy, paper certificate.