

CERTIFIED FORENSIC LOCKSMITH PROGRAM

The Board of Directors of the International Association of Investigative Locksmiths, Inc. hereby establishes a Certification Program for the members that shall bestow the title "Certified Forensic Locksmith", authorizing the use of the initials "CFL" after the member's name.

This program shall consist of a point system allowing members to make application to take the "CFL" Examination program. Points will be awarded according to the following list of qualifications. **A total of 75 points shall be required to apply to sit for the "CFL" Examination.** Proctors will be designated in various areas of the U.S. and Canada to administer the 125 question written examination and conduct the verbal interview / examination of the applicant. The proctor may require some "hands-on" during the verbal portion of the examination. 3 ½ hours will be allowed for this examination. The examination will be offered at the Annual Meeting of the Association and on a regular basis through Proctors in the various areas depending upon the number of applications filed. **This "certification program" will only be open to Active Members of the Association who have been active members for at least one year prior to the test date, and who is a member in good standing.**

Application to sit for this examination along with all supporting material must be in the hands of the IAIL Certification Committee at least sixty (60) days prior to the scheduled date of the sitting.

The filing fee and cost of the examination is \$150.00. Please make check payable to IAIL, and indicate it is for CFL testing. This fee is non-refundable whether you pass or fail the test, or any portion of the test.

You must author and produce a written article based on a forensic examination that you have performed, or any other subject related to your experience that will be reviewed and used as an article in our quarterly journal. This article shall not exceed 500 words and must be forwarded in both written and electronic form using Microsoft WORD program.

A CFL must recertify every three years. To recertify, the CFL must show proof of ongoing education and continuing education units (CEU's), in their specific field of expertise as a CFL. The cost of recertifying is \$100.00 made payable to the IAIL. It is the responsibility of the individual CFL to recertify, and is not the responsibility of the IAIL or certification committee and its representatives to notify you that your CFL is about to expire. If a CFL fails to recertify, their CFL rating will be cancelled by the IAIL 30 days after the lapsed renewal date.

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EDUCATION:- 40 Points Maximum:

30 Points Maximum- Must include at least three Investigative classes, and an Auto Theft / Arson Class.

Relative Classes: Classes which are given by ALOA, SAVTA, IAIL, ILA or Lockmasters in the following areas: *Investigative Locksmithing I, & II (5 points); Forensic Locksmithing (5 points); Professional Bypass (3 points); Safe Lock Manipulation (3 points); Picking (2 points); Impressioning (2 points); Safe lock Service (2 points); Safe Drilling & Entry (3 points).* The Board may add additional classes as these become available.

In order to sit for this examination it shall be mandatory to have completed the IAIL courses, Investigative Locksmithing I & II and an Auto / Theft Arson Class.

10 Points Maximum- College Level Classes:

College level classes that are directly related to Criminology, Forensic Sciences and etc., (2 points for each class).

18 Points Maximum- Specialized Education:

Completion of specialized schools in Forensic Investigation, criminal Investigation, Scientific Crime Detection, Arson Investigation, etc. Examples of acceptable courses would be FBI Academy, Military Intelligence Schools, Federal, State and Local courses in Criminal Investigation, NSA & CIA courses, etc. Each course will be evaluated & Points accessed at the discretion of the Board of Directors with a maximum number of points for any single course set at 6 points.

EXPERIENCE: Maximum number of points to vary as indicated:

1. Serving as a Forensic Investigator in a Federal, State or Local Crime Laboratory and qualified to testify to findings in a court of law. *5 points per year of experience. 20 points maximum.*
2. Serving as a Criminal, Arson or Insurance investigator for a Federal, State or Local authority and qualified to testify in a court of law. *5 points per year of experience. 20 points maximum.*
3. Serving as an Investigator for private industry and having qualified to testify in a criminal or civil court of law. *5 points per year of experience. 20 points maximum.*
4. Serving as a locksmith and having achieved a certification through the ALOA Proficiency Rating Program.

AHC = 10

CDC = 10

EHC = 10

PSP = 5
CPP = 10
RL = 3
CRL = 5
CPL = 8
CML = 10
CPS = 5
CMST = 10

CFDI = 10
IFDI = 10
LSFDI = 10
CAL = 5
CMAL = 10
CAI = 5
CHI = 5
CMHI = 10

CCL = 5
CIL = 3
CJIL = 8
CMIL = 10
ICRL = 5
ICPL = 8
ICML = 10

5. Experience as a practicing locksmith. *2 points per year of actual experience. 20 Points maximum.*
6. Specialized investigative experience such as fraud investigation, auditing and auditing and accounting investigations, etc. *3 points per year of experience. 12 points maximum.*
7. Publishing a book and or articles (published) relating to forensic/investigative Locksmithing in a recognized investigative resource. *5 points for an article and 10 points for a published book. Maximum of 20 points.*

Prior to July 31 of 2003, the board of Directors reserved the right to “grandfather” certain members in good standing as “Certified Forensic Locksmith” based upon their knowledge, skills and past experience in the field of Investigative / Forensic Locksmithing. These members would qualify under the point system and have developed a degree of skill warranting such action. The board will examine these individuals prior to such “Certification”. The board further reserves the rights to change these requirements at any time, giving ninety-(90)-days notice to the membership. Grandfathering is no longer granted.

This Certification Program is hereby adopted by the board of directors this 18th day of November 1999, Amended 2001, 2003, 2009, 2016.

Mail all related documents and test application along with payment to: Tom Demont, CML, CFL, 1009 Saddleclub Drive, McMurray, PA 15317.

The Secretary of the board of directors will retain your completed CFL file for future reference.

Amendments or exclusions and additions to this program will be added to the requirements once the board of directors has approved them.

**Tom Demont, CML, CMST, CFL
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