



National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS) Fact Sheet

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| Certifying Organization | The National Institute for Metalworking Skills | | | | | |
| Description of Credentials | The national NIMS standards are modular, thus permitting credentials based on specific metalworking processes and levels of competency. Skills in the metalworking industry are certified through the earning of NIMS credentials. The credentials are awarded on satisfactory completion of both performance tests and related theory exams. For example, there are eleven distinct credentials in Machining Level I. These industry-demanded credentials enable employers to assess candidates in those skills most applicable to the firm's needs and enable training institutions to measure program performance tailored to industry's needs. Metalworking companies use the credentials as a basis for recruiting, hiring, placement and promotion | | | | | |
| Entry-Level Annual Salaries | \$30,000 | | | | | |
| CTE Program Alignment | | | | | | |
| Industry-Based Certification Requirements: Students | | | | | | |
| Standard / Curriculum | <p>Industry skill standards are benchmarks for performance and define the competencies for workers in the metalworking industry.</p> <p>Skill Standards describe the common duties and the knowledge, skills, abilities and related attributes needed to perform the duties well. These standards are developed by workers, managers, and trainers from the metalworking industry and are subject to two different forms of national validation. The resulting skill standards define what industry wants workers to know and be able to do and defines a skills and training framework for the metalworking industry nationwide!</p> | | | | | |
| Testing Methodology (consists of two tests) | Paper? | On request | Online – Cognitive portion | Yes | Performance Exams / Tests? Psychomotor portion | Yes |
| Re-Testing (if available) | Re-Testing Procedures | Candidates who do not pass may re-test at any time. Test fees are assessed on re-tests and proctors are required. | | Max Attempts | N/A | |
| Testing Details (including any age requirements / accommodations) | <p>Performance Affidavits Before an individual can take an online exam, he or she must complete a performance exam which includes hands-on tasks. To find guidelines and part prints for the performance exam, simply log in and go to the Resources Page, where you'll find Performance Guides and individual prints.</p> <p>Credentialing Achievement Records (CARs) To earn a Level 2 or Level 3 credential, the candidate will complete a Credentialing Achievement Record (CAR) which is basically a checklist of skills. Simply have the candidate complete the CAR while under supervision of a sponsor and then send the completed Affidavit of Completion to NIMS (included in the CAR booklet).</p> <p>Candidate Lifetime Registration Fee: \$40.00 A one-time fee for anyone who wishes to pursue NIMS credentials. Registration is valid for a lifetime.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NIMS Performance Exam - Level One, Two, and Three: FREE! • NIMS Online Theory Exam - Level I: \$35.00 per person • NIMS Online Theory Exam - Level II: \$50.00 per person • NIMS Online Theory Exam - Level III: \$50.00 per person | | | | | |
| Industry-Based Certification Requirements: Teachers | | | | | | |



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| Instructor Certification Requirements (by certifying agency) | <p>Eligible Programs NIMS accepts applications for accreditation from public and private educational programs (secondary or postsecondary), industry training programs (company-based, apprenticeships, formalized training), and inter-firm programs (trade associations, labor unions, etc.). \$500 application fee is due with the application. The Instructor Credentialing Requirement totals \$40 per instructor; the Student/Trainee Credentialing Requirement totals \$68 Host a NIMS Evaluation Team for a two (2) day On-Site Evaluation, Evaluation scheduling may take up to six (6) weeks. A \$1,000 On-Site Evaluation Fee is due prior to the visit.</p> | | | |
| Proctoring / Test Security (if any) | Proctors are required for ALL online tests and MUST be registered before testing. TIP: Register multiple proctors. | | | |
| Certification Tracking | | | | |
| Credentialing Documentation | The company or training institution needs no prior relationship with NIMS for its employees or trainees to earn credentials. The credentials can be earned literally anywhere. | | | |
| Certification Tracking System | Online Tracking System? | Yes | Details | N/A |
| Other Details | N/A | | Expiration? Timeline? | N/A |
| Certification Costs / Funding Sources | | | | |
| Cost Details | cost \$320 | | | |
| Re-test / Refund Policies | In the event that you fail your first (1 st) attempt to pass any CompTIA certification examination, CompTIA does not require any waiting period between the first (1 st) and second (2 nd) attempt to pass such examination. However, before your third (3 rd) attempt or any subsequent attempt to pass such examination, you shall be required to wait for a period of at least fourteen (14) calendar days from the date of your last attempt to pass such examination. | | | |
| For More Information | | | | |
| Certifying Agency Contact Info | CompTIA Security+ Chicago, ILL Brian Matzelle : 630.678.8324 | | | |