



Water scarcity is becoming a cause for concern across the nation and across the state of Florida. The need for conservation to augment water sources is imperative; the need for educated and Certified Irrigation Contractors is imminent.

The Florida Irrigation Society is sponsoring Irrigation Association Certified Irrigation Contractor training and Certification testing around the state. This affords successful candidates the opportunity to: be recognized nationally as an EPA Water Sense Partner, to stand out amongst your peers, to give you that competitive advantage.



More and more projects require certified irrigation professionals. Whether you're bidding on new jobs, seeking new responsibilities or building new business, certification helps open doors to new opportunities.

Register now to attend the upcoming class and exam, here's how:



The Florida Irrigation Society is sponsoring a two-day irrigation review course for the Certified Irrigation Contractor exam, and a separate day for Irrigation Association Certification Exams.

Certified Irrigation Contractor Review Course: Tuesday, August 17, 2010 and Wednesday, August 18, 2010; 10:00 am to 4:00 pm both days – Register with the Florida Irrigation Society. Or visit the Florida Irrigation Society at [www.fisstater.org](http://www.fisstater.org) and download the forms.

Certified Irrigation Contractor Course and Exam Location: JEA Conservation Center, 950 N. Main Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

Irrigation Association Certification Exams: Thursday, August 19, 2010; 8:00 am – 12:30 pm – Register with Irrigation Association online by July 21, 2010. Or fill out the Registration and Application form by downloading it on line at <http://www.irrigation.org/certification/default.aspx?pg=forms.htm&id=91>

You must be prequalified with one year irrigation related experience and three years irrigation related field experience. **Important, you must have registered and submitted your payment to the Irrigation Association at least 30 days in advance in order to sit for the exam.**

You are not required to take the exam immediately after this class. In fact you may take the exam at any time, at any IA exam location at your convenience. It is recommended that you order the CIC manual from the IA in advance for extensive self study. You should study the manual first, identify the areas you do not understand and be prepared to focus on these areas in class. Conversely you may take the class first, self study the manual focusing on the areas in which you need to review.

### **Step 1 – Applying to the Program and Registering for the Exam**

To apply to the program and register for the exam, fill out the Certified Irrigation Contractor Program Application & Registration and **submit it to the Irrigation Association** with payment. There is a minimum requirement of at least one (1) year work experience in an irrigation-related field with a total of at least three (3) years of irrigation-related field experience. **Your application/registration must be submitted at least 30 days in advance of the exam with payment.**

The forms can be downloaded from the Irrigation Association website at:

<http://www.irrigation.org/certification/default.aspx?pg=forms.htm&id=91> or the Florida Irrigation Society website at [www.fisstaterg.org](http://www.fisstaterg.org) . After your application has been received and verified by the Irrigation Association, you will receive a letter informing you of your status in the program and confirmation of the exam date and location

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION: YOU ARE NOT REGISTERED TO TAKE THE EXAM UNTIL YOU RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION FROM THE IRRIGATION ASSOCIATION.**

### **Step 2 – Take and Pass the Examination**

In order to become certified, you must take and pass the Certified Irrigation Contractor examination. The examination is a 4-hour, closed book exam consisting of 180 equally-weighted, multiple choice questions. The content and approximate percentages for each area can be found in the Certified Irrigation Contractor Application/Registration Form. You may take the exam at any time, not just at the exam date in conjunction with a particular class. The Irrigation Association Website ([www.irrigation.org](http://www.irrigation.org)) will post exam dates and sites. All Irrigation Association exams are given at all exams sites and dates.

## **TWO DAY CERTIFIED IRRIGATION CONTRACTOR TRAINING COURSE**

The Florida Irrigation Society is sponsoring a two-day review course entitled Certified Irrigation Contractor Training on August 17, 2010 and August 18, 2010 at the JEA Conservation Center, Jacksonville. This Course serves two functions:

1. To help professionals in the irrigation industry understand what is expected of a competent irrigation contractor and to identify areas and topics in which they should be proficient, so as to be profitable and professional.
2. To refresh the existing skills of irrigation contractors.

During the two-day class, students will review advanced soil-water-plant relationships, advanced hydraulics and design principles, pumps, job safety requirements, national plumbing and electrical codes that affect our industry, basic business skills for a contractor, scheduling, water conservation, and details about system uniformity and efficiency. Completion of the 2-day training seminar does not guarantee the participant will pass the Irrigation Association's CIC exam.

An Introduction to Florida Water Star irrigation standards will be included. This section will focus on water conserving irrigation techniques and requirements for Florida Water Star Gold and Bronze level certifications for residential properties. This important criteria has been adopted as code by several local municipalities for new designs and renovation of existing irrigation systems and portions may be utilized in future regulations.

## EXAM PREPARATION RECOMMENDATIONS

In order to pass the certification exam, you should expect to spend at least 30 to 60 hours of self-study. There are two recommended tracks of preparation for the exam:

### Preparation Track A

1. Apply for the program and register for the exam through the Irrigation Association (at least 30 days prior to the desired exam date).
  - a. Order the ***Irrigation Contractor Workbook*** from the Irrigation Association (can be ordered with the Application or purchased separately) or other recommended exam references.
2. Study for 30 to 60 hours (30 days) on your own.
3. Define the material with which you need help.
4. Take the 2 day Certified Irrigation Contractor Training Course to become proficient in your weak areas of knowledge.
5. Take the exam in conjunction with the class.

### Preparation Track B

1. Apply for the program through the Irrigation Association (you can also register for a future exam date.)
  - a. Order the ***Irrigation Contractor Workbook*** from the Irrigation Association (can be ordered with the Application or purchased separately) or other recommended exam references.
2. Review the book to define material with which you need help.
3. Take the 2 day Certified Irrigation Contractor Training Course to review the material on which you need to concentrate your studying.
4. Study for 30 to 60 hours (minimum of 30 days) on your own.
5. Take the exam. (Be sure to sign up at least 30 days prior to your desired exam date.)

## CERTIFIED IRRIGATION CONTRACTOR COURSE REGISTRATION

To register for the training course, call the Florida Irrigation Society at (800) 441-5341 or (813) 839-4601, or email Jennifer Amarosa at [administration@fisstate.org](mailto:administration@fisstate.org) to receive forms. You can also visit the Florida Irrigation Society website at [www.fisstate.org](http://www.fisstate.org) and find all the links and registration forms for the training course and Irrigation Association application and exam registration. Complete the registration form for the 2-day training course and return it to the Florida Irrigation Society. You can order the course textbook when you register for the Irrigation Association Certification program /exam or purchase it separately at [www.irrigation.org/bookstore](http://www.irrigation.org/bookstore).

## FLORIDA IRRIGATION SOCIETY MEMBERS RECEIVE IRRIGATION ASSOCIATION MEMBER PRICING FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY!

Become a Florida Irrigation Society Member and save \$335.00 for the application, exam, class, and manual!

| Description                            | FIS & IA Members | Non-Members | To Order/Apply             |
|--|------------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Certification Application Fee*</b>  | \$50.00          | \$175.00    | Irrigation Association     |
| <b>Exam Fee*</b>                       | \$200.00         | \$300.00    | Irrigation Association     |
| <b>2 Day Class Tuition</b>             | \$295.00         | \$395.00    | Florida Irrigation Society |
| <b>Irrigation Contractor Workbook*</b> | \$45.00          | \$55.00     | Irrigation Association     |

\*Apply for the program, register for the exam, and order the manual directly with the Irrigation Association – [www.irrigation.org](http://www.irrigation.org)  
Employees of Florida Irrigation Society member companies will need to join the Florida Irrigation Society as an affiliate member to receive member rates.



## Certified Irrigation Contractor Training

JEA Conservation Center, 950 N. Main Street  
Jacksonville, FL 32202

Tuesday, August 17, 2010: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Wednesday, August 18, 2010: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Optional Exam: Thursday, August 19, 2010: 8:00 am 12:30 pm – Register separately with the Irrigation Association.

Presented by: Florida Irrigation Society

### **The Course**

An ideal component for preparing for the Irrigation Association Certified Irrigation Contractor exam. Students will review the requirements of a competent irrigation contractor:

- \* Water Conservation & Scheduling
- \* Irrigation Design
- \* Irrigation Installation
- \* Plumbing & Electrical Codes
- \* OSHA Regulations
- \* Equipment & Terminology
- \* General Business
- \* Irrigation Maintenance

This course is eligible for 15 Irrigation Association CEU's or other continuing education requirements.

Includes 2 days of instruction and all handouts.

Recommended Textbook – *Irrigation Contractor Workbook, Irrigation Association*  
( Order from the Irrigation Association, [www.irrigation.org/bookstore](http://www.irrigation.org/bookstore) )

### **Class Fees**

Florida Irrigation Society and Irrigation Association Members - \$295.00

Non Members - \$395.00

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**Note:** Certified Irrigation Contractor Program application and certification exams fees are additional. Refer to the CIC Application/Registration Bulletin at [www.irrigation.org](http://www.irrigation.org) for details.

The Florida Irrigation Society has partnered with the St. Johns River Water Management District in offering this course. Contractors whose principal place of business is within St. Johns River Water Management District are eligible to receive \$200.00 off their course registration fee.

**Certified Irrigation Contractor Review Course Training**  
**Class Registration Only**

**JEA Conservation Center**  
**950 N. Main Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202**



Tuesday, August, 17, 2010: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Wednesday, August 18, 2010: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

**Return completed registration form:**

FAX: (813) 839-4759

Email: [administration@fisstate.org](mailto:administration@fisstate.org) attention Jennifer Amarosa

**Mail Check to:**

The Florida Irrigation Society  
P.O. Box 13502, Tampa, FL 33681  
(800) 441-5341 or (813) 839-4601

**Please complete one form per attendee**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/ST/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Tuition Paid:   \$295.00 IA or FIS Member                      \$395.00 Non-member                      (check one)

Select Payment Form: Check    Visa    MasterCard    Discover    American Express

Make Check Payable to: The Florida Irrigation Society

For credit card purchase:

Account number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorization Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



June 18, 2010

To: Irrigation Professional

Re: Irrigation Association Irrigation Contract Review Course and Exam.  
Sponsored by the Florida Irrigation Society and St. Johns River Water Management District.

The Florida Irrigation Society is pleased to announce they have partnered with St. Johns River Water Management District in a collaborative effort to provide professional training. The training is the Irrigation Association's Certified Contractor Course and exam.

Through this effort the Florida Irrigation Society and St. Johns River Water Management District will sponsor the Irrigation Association Certified Irrigation Contractor Two Day Review Course and Exam at the JEA Conservation Center, 950 N. Main Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202 in August. The Florida Irrigation Society will discount the registration fee for any contractors in the St. Johns River Water Management District by \$200.00. However, the participating contractor must register for the exam as well, and provide such proof prior to registering for the course.

The Certified Irrigation Contractor Course will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, August 17 – 18, 2010, and the exam will be held Thursday, August 19, 2010. The registration fee for Florida Irrigation Society Members is \$295.00, and \$395.00 for non members. With the applied discount Florida Irrigation Society Members will be able to register for \$95.00, and \$195.00 for non members.

Take advantage of this unique opportunity and register today!

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