## About ATSSA <a href="https://www.atssa.com/">https://www.atssa.com/</a>

Safer Roads Save Lives

Why choose ATSSA? Since its inception in 1969, the American Traffic Safety Services Association (ATSSA) has been recognized as the leading roadway safety organization in the United States, ATSSA certifies approximately 20,000 flaggers per year, and trains / certifies many Technicians, Supervisors, Designers, and Installers. Rest easy knowing you are provided the very best roadway safety training available in the industry.

<u>This site includes only training offered by the ATSSA Arizona Chapter</u>. National ATSSA offerings can be found at: <a href="https://www.atssa.com/training-certification/">https://www.atssa.com/training-certification/</a></u>

ATSSA and the ATSSA Arizona Chapter are separate non profits, affiliated by purpose, with ATSSA being the parent organization. The Chapter charges the same per student as national; the classes are identical; the major differences are:

- 1. We only teach classroom in Arizona, with hard copy handouts; no virtual.
- 2. We come to you we teach at the customer's location. Your room must have tables and chairs, an electric outlet and a light switch. We can bring a screen and projector if needed.
- 3 We have an eight student minimum class size: Whether just one, or seven students, the minimum fee is for eight students.
- 4. If your classroom allows, you can open the class to others to make your eight minimum. The Arizona Chapter will advertise enrollments added students from other employers are invoiced separately. Maximum class size is 40 students. You can elect who to enroll or exclude: For instance, most barricade companies will not accept other barricade company's employees.
- 5. There is a separate fee for instructor travel if more than 50 miles from 85207 ZIP. The instructor's travel expenses are calculated and agreed upon in advance using current GSA rates: <a href="https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates?gsaredirect=portalcontent104877">https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates?gsaredirect=portalcontent104877</a>

Dates are flexible, but no Sundays. The number of days of training (just TCT = one day; TCS = two days; TCT & TCS = three days; etc.), and the month (GSA rates for Arizona vary by location and season).

If it is an open class, that expense is identified in the advertisement and enrollment form. Others will be charged a surcharge for the out of area training / travel expenses; all surcharges are credited back to you, reducing the agreed upon proposal's amount.

Teaching at your location involves less travel, and is less disruptive. The prorated cost of the instructor's travel is usually less than individual students' time and travel expenses.

6. Whether taught by national or by the AZ Chapter, the courses are identical: They are taught by an ATSSA certified Instructor using the same PowerPoint and syllabus. The Arizona Chapter

only offers classroom training - national offers both classroom and virtual training. Online training uses pdf handouts / reference materials; classroom training uses hard copy / paper handouts.

Are you eligible to become an ATSSA Member? There are immediate savings if you or your business / organization / government becomes an ATSSA member:

## FAQs:

**Tests**. All ATSSA classes have open book quizzes to assess knowledge.

Minimum passing is 80% (90% for Instructors).

Retesting / Make up Tests: The Arizona Chapter cannot retest failed exams: Retesting is by national ATSSA, online only. Students have to log onto their profile to be able to view the makeup tests on ATSSA's Training web page. The electronic version must be taken within 90 days of a failed test. ATSSA will not accept any paper makeup exams. If a student is unable to take an electronic makeup exam before the TCS course begins, they can still attend, but with the understanding that they will not receive credit for either course until the makeup exam is completed.

<u>Certification</u> is a step beyond training. It is only done by ATSSA national for trained individuals. The additional steps are application, experience, references, and a fee. Chapter only offers the training. Go to: <a href="https://www.atssa.com/training-certification/certification-recertification/">https://www.atssa.com/training-certification/certification-recertification/</a>

<u>Certification expires after four years</u> from training date - No Exceptions, no extensions. Once you complete a TCS, you will have to reapply for Certification.

To be certified, you will need to meet the following criteria to receive a designation through the ATSSA Certification Board.

## Steps:

- 1. Complete the training course(s) associated with the certification you are pursuing, passing, with a grade of 80% or better, the final examination offered at the completion of the training course(s). Instructors must score a 90%.
- 2. Log in to ATSSA Training to apply for certification. Pay the appropriate certification application fee. Download the reference forms; you'll need two references familiar with your work history.
- 3. Contact your references and give (email) them a copy of the form. It's a fillable pdf, so I'd fill out as much as I can before emailing it to them.
- 4. When you get the references back, log back in to the ATSSA Training and complete the application for certification. The reference forms must be dragged and dropped into the form

- 5. ATSSA reviews and verifies your application, training and work experience. After validation of the application and work experience, and approval by the ATSSA Certification Board, you will receive certification.
- 6. Certification expires after four years from training date No Exceptions, no extensions. You'll have to complete (retake) the TCS, then reapply for Certification (references & fee). Two ways to recertify:
  - a. In-person at a scheduled course (recertification fee is not included in course registration fee), additional recertification fee will apply.
  - b. Online in the ATSSA training platform (test only).

Note: Even if your TCS date goes beyond four years, you are not required to repeat TCT, but in most cases it's recommended.

<u>Open or Closed Training.</u> Closed means your employees only; Open means you'll allow the AZ Chapter to announce it and allow others to attend (other counties, cities and towns, barricade companies, contractors,....). Depending on how many students you have, and how many your training area can accommodate, we will email enrollment forms - you are only responsible for your own students. The others will be charged a surcharge for the out of area training / travel expenses; all surcharges are credited back to you, reducing the agreed upon proposal's amount.