

The Transportation Professional Certification Board, Inc.
Affiliated with the Institute of Transportation Engineers

Announces Three New Certification Programs for
the Transportation Profession

In today's world, where competition is a fact of life,
certification is a mark of excellence.

The Transportation Professional Certification Board is launching three new certification programs:

1. Traffic Operations Practitioner Specialist (TOPS)
2. Traffic Signal Operations Specialist (TSOS)
3. Professional Transportation Planner

The inaugural examinations for the first two new certification programs are scheduled for Milwaukee, Wisconsin on Saturday August 5, 2006 and on October 21, 2006 at multiple locations in the United States and Canada.

These programs are being developed for practitioners without professional licensure and are intended to compliment the Professional Traffic Operations Engineer certification.

The Traffic Operations Practitioner Specialist (TOPS) certification program is designed as a broad assessment of knowledge in traffic operations at the practitioner level. You must meet each of the following requirements to receive TOPS certification.

- (a) A minimum of five years of experience. Education is equivalent to experience based on a two, three or four year program or TOPS relevant education or training. A maximum of four years of education may be applied to the experience requirement. At least one year of experience shall be in traffic operations.
- (b) Not have a professional engineering license or the equivalent.
- (c) Successfully complete the TSOS examination by attainment of a passing score.

The TOPS certification examination will include an assessment of knowledge in the areas of:

- Traffic operations studies
- Traffic devices
- Elements of design
- Traffic safety
- Transportation management
- Incident management.

The Traffic Signal Operations Specialist (TSOS) certification program is designed for candidates who have a wide range of education and experience with traffic signals, including engineers and technicians/technologists. You must meet each of the following requirements to receive TSOS certification.

- (a) A minimum of five years of experience. Education is equivalent to experience based on a two, three or four year program or TSOS relevant education or training. A maximum of four years of education may be applied to the experience requirement. At least one year of experience shall be in traffic signal operations.
- (b) Not have a professional engineering license or the equivalent.
- (c) Successfully complete the TSOS examination by attainment of a passing score.

The TSOS certification examination will include an assessment of knowledge in the areas of:

- Principles of signals and signal systems
- Elements of signal design and implementation
- Signal timing
- Signal operations and safety reviews.

The Professional Transportation Planner certification program is designed for candidates who have a wide range of education and experience in transportation planning. Work is underway to finalize the subject domains and sub-domains and other requirements for certification. The inaugural exam for the transportation planning certification will be in 2007. Additional information on these programs, including the number of exam questions by domain and sub-domain, application procedures and fees refer to www.ite.org/certification.

If you are interested in recommending a region or city for an exam site or interested in serving as a volunteer to assist in developing questions or serving in support of the PTOE, TOPS, TSOS or transportation planner certification programs please contact

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