**The American Certified Locator Program**

Welcome to the American Certified Locator program. This website is for those seeking locator certification in the United States. To become a certified locator, you must pass an online exam covering four Parts:

Part A: Tickets and Maps

Part B: Utility Map Reading

Part C: Basic Utility Knowledge

Part D: Locating Instruments

**The American Certified Locator Online Exam**

The package cost of the four online exams is $125.00, or priced per Part at 50.00. The estimated time to complete Parts A-D is approximately 2 hours. A passing test score of 85% or higher is required to pass each Part, and if a candidate fails one or more of the Parts, they will fail the online locator certification exam.

**Online Retesting**

For candidates who have failed one or more exams, Part A-D online training courses are an option for retesting. The cost of each Part A-D training course is listed below. A candidate must score 85% on the Part A-D training course testing to pass the corresponding Part.

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Description automatically generated**Costs of online training courses**

Part A training course: Tickets and Maps $160.00

Part B training course: Utility Map Reading $240.00

Part C training course: Basic Utility Knowledge $460.00

Part D training course: Locating Instruments $680.00

3 or more persons from the same organization: 20% discount

10 or more persons from the same organization: 40% discount

**Estimated minimum time commitment to complete training courses**

Tickets and Maps: 2 hours

Utility Map Reading: 2 hours

Basic Utility Knowledge: 3 hours

Locating Instruments: 7 hours

***Please contact Planet Underground to discuss video conference and face-to-face online exam retesting options. Also, contact Planet Underground to discuss options for scheduling a practical exam.***

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The practical exam involves:

1. Finding the correct location of the ticket/work order
2. Determining the proper extent needed to be located
3. Filling out a visual observation and utility map assessment
4. 80% of the scoring is the ability to locate the extent accurately and completely
5. A score of 85% is necessary to pass

Passing the practical exam completes the locator certification process. Certification is good for two years with continuing education satisfying the requirements for recertification.