



## National Demolition Association Announces Launch of Certified Demolition Supervisor (CDS) Certification

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The National Demolition Association (NDA) this week announced the launch of the beta test for the Certified Demolition Supervisor (CDS) certification, a first-of-its-kind designation, and a pioneer program within the demolition industry.

James Milburn, the 2023 president of the NDA, said: "Each year, the demolition industry in North America loses some of its most senior field supervisors to retirement. This, combined with a general shortage of workers, has created a need for owners, insurance companies, and employers to have a way to validate field supervision experience in a more unified way.

"The CDS certification will allow demolition professionals to elevate themselves, their employers, and the demolition industry as a whole by formalizing our minimum requirements to be considered a competent and professional demolition supervisor."

NDA has 61 volunteers slated to take the beta test pass/fail exam, a remotely proctored test that will be completed by mid-October. The purpose of the certification is to upskill industry professionals and raise the bar in the industry while addressing the skills gap.

"The CDS certification is the most comprehensive demolition certification in the industry, designed to help demolition professionals advance their careers and demolition companies gain a competitive edge in the bidding process," said Peter Banks, Chair, Certification Board of the NDA, TRM Demolition

NDA's CDS certification recognizes individuals who have demonstrated competence in all aspects of demolition, including safety, environmental, operations, and people management. Each CDS is accountable for all aspects of a demolition project site, from planning and permitting to execution and clean-up. This designation promotes safe and quality practice through its ongoing requirements for professional growth in the demolition industry.

The CDS certification will help industry professionals to gain the skills and knowledge needed to be a successful demolition supervisor, stand out from the competition and get ahead in their career and demonstrate their commitment to safety and environmental stewardship;

Additional testing and application windows will open this fall and NDA encourages demolition contractors to consider sending staff and colleagues to take an upcoming exam.

"The certification will change the face of the industry in North America and will soon become a must-have for project owners, municipalities and general contractors when prequalifying demolition contractors and evaluating proposals," Milburn said.

To learn more about the CDS certification or how to join NDA, visit [www.demolitionassociation.org](http://www.demolitionassociation.org).

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### About the National Demolition Association

The National Demolition Association (NDA) is a nonprofit trade organization representing approximately 500 U.S. and Canadian companies and many international firms that are involved in the demolition process. NDA is the voice of the demolition industry in Washington and throughout the nation. NDA's primary mission is advocacy and education to strengthen the business environment of the demolition industry. Membership includes demolition contractors, general contractors and civil engineers abreast of environmental, regulatory and safety matters. Visit [www.demolitionassociation.com](http://www.demolitionassociation.com) to learn more about NDA's offerings.